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## Project Partnership

Units honored for German-American relations, teamwork

By Karl Weisel  
Staff Writer

Three local units walked away big winners from this year's U.S. Army Europe Project Partnership Awards



Photo by Karl Weisel

Lt. Gens. Götz F.E. Gliemeroth and John W. Hendrix review the troops at the partnership awards ceremony.

Ceremony. Hanau's 127th Aviation Support Battalion captured the coveted Blanchard Award for its close-knit personal and professional relationship with the German Nachschubbataillon 51. It was similarly honored at the battalion level. Hanau's 130th Engineer Brigade and Bad Kreuznach's 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade shared brigade-level honors with their German partners, Pionierbrigade 40.

"It feels like it belonged here all the time," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Marler of the 127th Aviation Support Battalion, as he clutched the trophy and described the many professional and personal ties shared by the soldiers of the German and American partner units. In addition to numerous joint training opportunities such as qualifying for the prestigious German army Schützen-schnur marksmanship badge, sports days and serving with fellow NATO peacekeepers in the Balkans, 127th soldiers and family members have enjoyed a rich holiday exchange program with their German partners. "Training improves our understanding of how partnership works," Marler said.

"I take great pride in the fact that we're about to recognize outstanding teams, very dedicated soldiers — all of

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## Expenditures on track

Officials monitor Total Maintenance Contract

By David Ruderman  
Staff Writer

Fleets of white vehicles with green BOS logos have become a common sight around the 284th and 414th Base Support Battalions. The Base Operations Services vehicles are the most visible sign of a quiet success story.

The Total Maintenance Contract signed 14 months ago and in effect since Nov. 1, 1998 has consolidated real

property maintenance services for the 104th Area Support Group in two of its five BSBs to a single, private sector contractor, BOS.

"Some of our people have their own vehicle and a handy (mobile telephone), so if an electrician is out in Roman Way Housing and there's another job that comes up for him to handle, he gets the call and goes right there," said Andy Spendlove, contracting officer's representative for the 284th BSB's Director-

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Photo by Martin Greeson

### Welcoming new DoDDS officials

Col. Daniel D. Imholte, 104th Area Support Group commander, discusses publicity issues with Diana Ohman, Department of Defense Education Activity deputy director, during a DoDDS principals welcome back brunch in Wiesbaden Sept. 19. The event which included school principals, commanders of sponsorship units, 1st Armored Division, ASG and BSB officials was aimed at strengthening ties between local units and the schools. Maj. Gen. George W. Casey Jr., 1st AD commander, asked the principals to turn to his soldiers for assistance. "Learn your partnership unit, build a relationship," he said, adding, "We are here to help."

## Program to speed passport service

The U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt will hold a series of one-day programs to speed turnaround time for tourist passport applications, marriage affidavits (for people marrying within the next six months), and distribution of immigration visa petitions and Social Security forms.

The first session is Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at Rhein Main Air Base, Building

347, Room 129 and the next is Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ramstein Air Base, Building 2106, Room 307. An American officer and consular, immigration and Social Security specialists will be on hand. Completed passports will be returned within 10 days. Payment of passports is by money order (\$60 for new passports and \$40 for renewals). (U.S. Information Service Release)

## Inside



### Feedback

"It plays a serious role," said Spc. Cheryl Sledge in answer to what part religion plays in her life. See page 2 for more responses.



### Gridiron action

High school football teams have been tearing up the turf in recent weeks. See page 19.



### Bridge builders

National Guard soldiers learn from the experts during overseas training. See page 20.

# Commentary

## Feedback: What role does religion play in your life?



**Spc. Mark Smith**  
557th Medical Company

"Religion makes me understand things which are inexplicable, and it makes me have faith in a higher power."



**Chaplain (Maj.) Mitchell Wilk**  
410th BSB deputy staff chaplain

"Without faith, life wouldn't mean so much to me. And without a relationship with God, I would be missing the most precious aspect of my being and friendship with anyone who comes into my life."



**Pvt. 2 Natasha Watson**  
557th Medical Company

"I grew up around it; it's pretty much like a family tradition for me. Right now, since I joined the Army, I'm trying to figure out where I stand in life as far as religion goes. As a soldier I've been to several different churches and they're all very different. Of course I still believe in God and practice being a good person."



**Pvt. 2 Stacey Bryant**  
Company B, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion

"It's the number one thing in my life. In the Army, you need religion because of the hardships — the stresses and strains of military life — especially the family separation; that's the biggest thing for me."



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Albert Isler**  
V Corps Artillery chaplain

"It means everything I am. Every idea I have I bounce off Scripture. If I see an evil situation, I bounce off Scripture to understand and overcome that situation. I would call it a divine dialogue in my head, going on all the time."

## Are you building a wall or building a life?

**By Chaplain Col. Roger D. Kappel**  
104th Area Support Group Chaplain

There has been much talk of late about the values of our country and of our army. The words loyalty, duty, selfless service, integrity, commitment, competence, candor and courage have been printed on and in all kinds of media trying to get the message across that values are important.

But does having a moral direction really matter? Isn't morality just a matter of individual taste? Given all the bad things that happen in our world aren't we just victims of circumstances beyond our control?

The people of ancient China sought security from the barbaric hordes that swept down from the north, so they erected the Great Wall of China. The massive wall stretched for 1,500 miles. It was 12-40 feet wide and 20-50 feet high. The wall was too high for the enemy to

scale, too thick to tear down and too long to go around. Yet during the first 100 years of the wall's existence China was invaded three times. How was the security breached? Their enemies simply bribed a gatekeeper and then marched easily through a gate. The fatal flaw in China's defense lay in spending its wealth to build a wall, but paying much less to build the character of the gatekeepers.

Building a life with integrity is not as easy as building a wall of stone so sometimes we focus on wall building instead of character building. We need to remember that there is a moral dimension to life, and all our actions take on significance as a result. We are not lost or drifting in the world even though it feels that way sometimes.

An ancient writer once said, "Seek good and not evil, that you may live." Remember the weakness of the defenses in China was not the composition of the wall, but the character of the gatekeeper. You do make a difference in the communities of the 104th Area Support Group, and your action to build a life based on the values mentioned above brings true security for our country, our units, our families and our friends.

## Did you know?

**Did you know that as little as \$2 a month donated to the Combined Federal Campaign** can provide meals for a needy senior citizen for two weeks. Donating \$9 a month can help a child with cerebral palsy through four therapy sessions. A \$16 a month donation can provide protective services for 14 children who have been abused.

This year's CFC fund-raising effort kicks off Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 19. Everyone is invited to "Make a World of Difference" and give generously to the charity or organization of their choice.

U.S. military members and federal employees can even designate their Family

Support and Youth Activity Programs by simply indicating FSYP on the donor allocation form.

Following are CFC keypersons in each of the five base support battalions and 104th Area Support Group:

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**Do you have a suggestion for the 104th ASG commander? Send email to the Community Listening Post . . . CLP@104asgexch.hanau.army.mil**

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# News and features

## News flash

### Military Marriage Conference

The 104th Area Support Group chaplains and Military Ministries of Campus Crusade for Christ sponsor a Military Marriage Conference Oct. 22-24 at the Patrick Henry Village Inn. Registration is \$90 before Sept. 30 and \$110 after that date. The goal is to equip couples with proven principles for strengthening marriages and will include speakers and practical projects. Contact your local BSB chaplain for more information.

### German radio/TV tax

If you are a soldier or civilian living in private rental housing you may receive a letter in German from an organization with the initials "GEZ." The Gebühreneinzugszentrale is the German agency responsible for collecting fees for the use of televisions and radios in Germany, which, under the Status of Forces Agreement, members of the U.S. forces (military and civilian), are exempt from paying. If you receive such a letter, don't throw it away. Take it to your local legal services office for help in drafting a reply. **(USAREUR Public Affairs)**

### Next issue Oct. 20

The next issue of the *Herald Union* will be published Oct. 20. The week delay is necessary to allow the staff to attend U.S. Army Europe training.

### Esso gas in the Netherlands

Esso Benelux announced earlier this year that it would reduce the number of stations in the Netherlands which would accept Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas coupons starting Sept. 30. While AAFES has established its own gas station at Schinnen, officials continue to negotiate with Esso to increase the number of Esso facilities which will continue to accept the coupons. The names and locations of Esso stations in the Netherlands that will accept the coupons after Sept. 30 are listed along with maps and operating hours on the AAFES home page at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). **(AAFES-Europe News Release)**

### Army Knowledge Online

Active-duty and reserve soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and other authorized users can link to the Army's internal web site, "Army Knowledge Online," for a secure communications site and access to a storehouse of information. For information visit the public web site at [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil) and click on "I'm a new user." **(Army News Service)**

### Hispanic heritage speakers

A variety of special events will be held throughout the 104th Area Support Group in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Upcoming events include a guest speaker at **Baumholder's Rhinelander Club** Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. (free admission); a guest speaker in **Bad Kreuznach's Rose Barracks Theater** Oct. 1 from 1-2 p.m.; a live band and dancers at the **Wiesbaden Army Airfield Consolidated Dining Facility** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 (cost is \$3); a sampling of Hispanic dishes at the **Friedberg Chapel Annex** Oct. 7; music and more at the **Giessen Alpine Catering Center** Oct. 13 (free admission); and breakfast and a guest speaker at **Hanau's Hutier Dining Facility** Oct. 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Helping our stars shine brightest

### Cindy Romagnoli, Wiesbaden American High School Booster Club vice president

Cindy Romagnoli started working for the General H.H. Arnold High School Booster Club a year ago. "I volunteered to help out the person who was running the candy sale the club has at the high school twice a week," she said, "and it wasn't long before I was asked whether I would step into the position of vice president when it became vacant."

© That decision was not hard for Romagnoli. "I have one daughter who is in sixth-grade at the middle school and one who is in 10th-grade at the high school," she said. "Since my kids have started school I've been in school once or twice a week, helping teachers and doing other things that were needed. Teachers need all the support they can get, and you want to know what's going on at school, what they're doing. When you help out a teacher in the classroom, it reaches out to all the students. I enjoy being in touch with other kids."

© As the vice president of the club Romagnoli is responsible for the sales the club holds as fundraisers. "We run the candy booth which makes quite a bit of money, and at football games and at basketball games we sell all the spirit ware — T-shirts, sweatshirts, seat cushions. All the money we make goes to the club," she said. The club found that most people had the misconception booster clubs were for sports activities only, but that is not true about



Wiesbaden's club. "We support the Drama Club, the Honor Club, the Journalism Club and the yearbook. This year the Booster Club donated the money for the yearbook supplement which is always printed with the spring

sports results. We try to give support to any association which comes to us for help."

© Romagnoli said she was aware that supporting the activities is time-consuming. "I work part-time. It's hard to do if you have a full-time job. But there are all kinds of things parents can help with." Parents and students are encouraged to come to the monthly meetings every third Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. to find out what's in the planning. Though many people are already involved in the club's activities, there could be more, Romagnoli said. "Sometimes people just need a call. Whenever I ask, there are always parents who are more than willing to help," she added. "If someone pulls you into a strong activity like this, that can be a great help to get around in a new community."

## Thanks from the 104th ASG family

## Project Partnership .....

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them from the Second German-American Corps and the V U.S.-German Corps," said Lt. Gen. John W. Hendrix, V Corps commander. "(These) German-American soldiers, binational teams, have made significant contributions to build a solid partnership which is the cornerstone and strength of our alliance — contributions to interoperability and to the readiness of the two binational corps teams. Our two binational corps have shared a long-standing partnership based on professional relations and strong friendships which have evolved tremendously through the years."

"Our partnership activities are critical to bonding teams and smoothing the edges that are to be expected when soldiers from different armies meet and work together," said Hendrix. "But through your hard work and dedication we make that happen every day, keeping our alliance, our cooperation and our friendship strong and enduring."

"These soldiers who we recognize in this ceremony today found progressive solutions to mutual operational issues which effectively enhanced our capability to conduct training exercises at the company, battalion and brigade level," he said. "Our operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo today have clearly shown the value of a strong NATO alliance and the crucial importance of interoperable forces operating in these hostile environments. Project Partnership has played a vital part in that process because it has solidified our goal for a more stable and secure Europe."

Lt. Gen. Götz F.E. Gliemeroth, II German Corps commander, underscored the value of Project Partnership while addressing the German and American military and civilian officials gathered to honor

the winners on Fliegerhorst Kaserne's airfield Sept. 14.

"United we stand to defend human rights and freedom — values which so many people in this world are still unable to enjoy to the extent we do," Gliemeroth said. "Here in Europe we have secured peace and stability for our peoples for more than five decades. Across the Atlantic we have joined hands in order to ensure a decent existence for us and for the generations of our children also in the future. We are equal partners for peace. This is the cause to which the soldiers of our two nations are committed and for which we stand up."

The German general praised the close "trans-Atlantic partnership with the United States of America," adding, "It is my firm belief that the transAtlantic bonds are not only the vital and indispensable corps element of NATO, but they are the guidelines, just like a yardstick, for the work our alliance performs to ensure peace and freedom."



Photo by Karl Weisel

Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Marler, 127th ASB, leads soldiers representing winning USAREUR units off the field.



Photo courtesy of 104th ASG Fire and Emergency Services

Nobody likes surprises — especially a visit by their local Fire Department. During Fire Prevention Week Oct. 3-9, take the time to examine your home for potential fire hazards and practice your fire escape drills.

## Don't invite Mr. Fire to your home

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "The Great Escape." Take a few minutes during the week to look at how you would exit your home in the case of a fire. Talk about who to notify, what escape route to take to exit the building, what actions to take before leaving (if any), where to meet outside at a safe distance and how to ensure everyone has safely vacated the premises.

Homes are filled with many combustible items such as furniture, carpets, books, clothing and more. A fire can spread rapidly to the entire apartment within a few minutes.

"Smoke containing toxic gases such as carbon monoxide can inca-

pacitate or kill us within minutes," according to National Fire Protection Association experts.

Trying to "check out the fire" will waste precious seconds and may trap you in an inferno during a fast spreading fire. If a fire occurs in your kitchen or apartment, the first steps should always be to get everyone out first. Then call the fire department from a neighbor's telephone.

Statistics show that nearly all fires that occur in family housing are caused by unattended cooking. Never throw water on a grease fire, but rather slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames. Avoid splashed grease as it can cause severe burns.

## Lamplighter's Bazaar to offer something for everyone Oct. 1-3

It's time to start that holiday shopping. Those who wish to get an early start are invited to come out and join Wiesbaden's Spouse's Club at their eighth annual Lamplighter's Bazaar, Oct. 1-3, in hangars 1035 and 1036 on the Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

The bazaar will be open from 3-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. Access will be to ID card holders only.

With over 100 vendors participating, customers may examine merchandise from across Europe, such as pottery, crystal, porcelain, pewter, wine and cheese, linen and lace, paintings, jewelry, as well as large items such as antique furniture, rugs and clocks.

Food and drink will be available from private organizations; Family Support Groups will provide beverages; Boy Scouts will sell chili; and the Girl Scouts will sell other goodies to help shoppers keep their strength. The H.H. Arnold High School Booster Club will sell baked goods as will other school-sponsored groups, according to event organizers.

"The money that's raised will go back into the community," according to Jerrie Core, the club's spokesperson. Last year the bazaar raised approximately \$50,000 and, according to Core, they



Photo by Beth Reece

Shoppers can get a head start on the holidays at the Lamplighter's Bazaar.

hope to surpass that amount this year. "We helped numerous community organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and granted scholarships to deserving high school graduates," said Core.

Plenty of parking will be available for shoppers on the airfield.

## Kudos to achievers

The following individuals were recognized during a ceremony conducted at the 221st Base Support Battalion Headquarters Sept. 22.

### Employee of the Quarter

Ronald Geib - Safety

### Grounds Maintenance

The following all work for the Directorate of Public Works: Adnan Hueduer, Hans Wiener, Cemal Bakan, Thomas Meurer, Thomas Knorr, Franz Heinisch, Vincenzo Cutolo, Peter Fritz, Satilmis Oetztuerk, Hans Schwarz, Lakdar Boulebane, Harald Urban and Celal Kalkan.

### Awards Process Action Team

Kevin Anderson

Purendra Gupta - Directorate of Public Works

Kim Kendle - Welcome Center

John Stapleton - Directorate of Logistics

Sigrid Horn - Civilian Personnel Office Wiesbaden

Sean McCutcheon - Directorate of Logistics

### Army Emergency Relief

Roy Bolton - Army Community Service

Edwina Brown - Army Community Service

Sgt. 1st Class Mendieta - S-1

### Volunteer Service Coordinator

Johnny Cathcart - Army Community Service

### ACOE Evaluation Process

Mara Pittman-Pergola - S-1

### Family Advocacy Program

Danielle Levario-Young - Army Community Service

### Process Improvement

Transportation Motor Pool

### Top Ten Service Awards

This award went to the top 10 facilities and services as voted on by our community in the annual customer service survey.

CMR 430 and 467; Hainerberg and Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapels; S-2 Force Protection; AAFES Power Zone; AAFES Gas Station; AAFES Bookmark/Video Rental; DCA VAT Office; S-1 Ration Card Section; American Red Cross.



# 221st BSB — Mainz, Wiesbaden

## School briefs

### School Advisory Council

Get involved with your child's education. The Wiesbaden School Advisory Council meets at the Aukamm Elementary School media center at 3 p.m., Oct. 7; Hainerberg Elementary School media center at 3 p.m., Oct. 14; Hainerberg Middle School, Room 140, at 4 p.m., Oct. 21; and General H.H. Arnold High School media center at 3 p.m., Oct. 28.

### Installation Advisory Council

The next Installation Advisory Council meets Oct. 20 at 3:15 p.m. at ACS, Room 24.

### Schedule adjustments

High school age children may have recently come home with schedule changes. These changes are a result of higher than projected enrollments and the addition of a teacher to the staff. The change in schedules will result in smaller classes and more teacher-to-student attention.

### High school dress code

General H.H. Arnold High School would like to remind parents that school is your child's workplace, and students are expected to dress accordingly. Clothing choices that distract others from the important business of learning are not appropriate. Please help us by checking your child's school-day dress against the following guidelines: ☼ Clothing that exposes your child's underwear or navel is not appropriate. No see-through clothing, bare midriffs or baggy pants. Shorts and skirts should reach mid-thigh. ☼ No hats or headgear (bandannas, etc.) in the buildings. ☼ No offensive slogans on T-shirts.

### Middle school calendar of events

**Oct. 1**, School pictures for all students and mid-quarter progress reports mailed; **Oct. 8**, in-service day for teaching staff, no school; **Oct. 11**, Columbus Day, no school. **Nov. 4**, end first quarter, school dance 6-9 p.m. in the school gym; **Nov. 5**, teacher workday, no school; **Nov. 11**, Veterans Day, federal holiday, no school; **Nov. 17**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., parent teacher conference day and report card pick up; **Nov. 19**, model student movie; **Nov. 25-26**, Thanksgiving recess. **Dec. 10**, mid-quarter progress reports mailed; **Dec. 20-31**, Winter recess, school resumes Jan 3, 2000. **Jan. 12**, Winter Concert; **Jan. 14**, in-service day for teaching staff, no school; **Jan. 17**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school. **Jan. 27**, end of second quarter, school dance 6-9 p.m. in the school gym; **Jan. 28**, Teacher Workday, no school. **Feb. 11**, model student movie; **Feb. 18**, in-service day for teaching staff, no school; **Feb. 21**, Washington's Birthday, Presidents Day, federal holiday, no school. **March 3**, mid-quarter progress reports mailed; **March 28**, Young Authors Festival; **March 30**, middle school writing symposium. **April 6**, end of third quarter, school dance 6-9 p.m. in the school gym; **April 7**, teacher workday, no school; **April 10-14**, spring recess, school resumes **April 17**; **April 24**, in-service for teaching staff, no school; **April 26**, parent teacher conference, report card pick up; **April 28**, model student movie. **May 1**, fine arts night; **May 15**, in-service for teaching staff, no school; **May 16**, mid-quarter progress report; **May 29**, Memorial Day, federal holiday, no school. **June 1**, spring concert; **June 15**, end of fourth quarter, last day of school.

## New schools officer takes charge in the 221st BSB

The new schools liaison officer for the 221st Base Support Battalion is Lavon Peoples. The following provides some background information about Peoples, and provides his phone number and email address.

Peoples, a native of Texas, enlisted in the U.S.

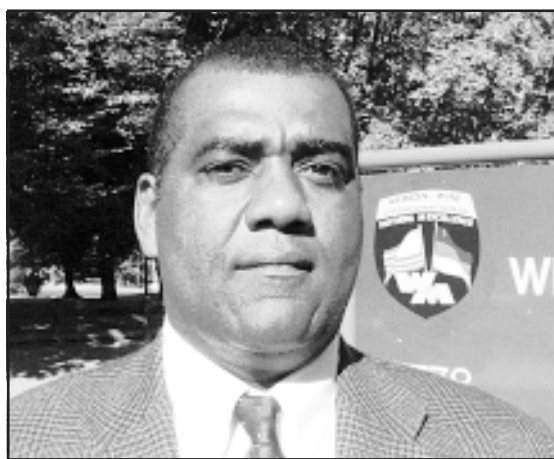


Photo by Paul Nelson

Lavon Peoples provides a link between the military community and local schools.

Army in 1976 and served honorably for 22 years. After retiring from the Army he worked for a civilian contractor providing computer simulations training for U.S. and NATO organizations throughout Europe.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in human resource management.

As a member of the military and civilian community Peoples continues to be actively involved in numerous youth activity events.

As the schools liaison officer, he will provide the communication link between the military and local schools. His focus is to assist the BSB commander in maintaining key relationships between school administrators and military leaders. In addition, he provides an avenue to the key processes used in coordinating, allocating and organizing community resources.

"Our children represent the future and we all play a crucial role in providing the right environment for our kids to learn," said Peoples.

To contact Peoples, come by his office located on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Building 1543, Room 213, or call him at mil 337-7004 or civ (0611) 705-7004. Peoples' email address is [peoplesl@221bsb.wiesbaden.army.mil](mailto:peoplesl@221bsb.wiesbaden.army.mil).

## News briefs

### Fire warden training is mandatory

The Wiesbaden Fire Department will offer mandatory fire warden training to all Wiesbaden building coordinators from 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 29 at the fire station. Call mil 337-5883.

### Allergy patient appointment procedures

All allergy patients must schedule an appointment by calling mil 337-5273. Patients do not need to schedule through central appointments. Allergy appointments are scheduled on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons.

### Letter of authorization to purchase fuel

Effective Nov. 1, the 221st BSB Provost Marshal's Office will no longer provide the service of producing letters of authorization to purchase fuel for rental vehicles. Unit commanders or civilian equivalents will be the approving authority for the purchase of motor fuel for rental vehicles.

### Family Support Group Meeting

The Special Troops Battalion, 3rd COSCOM, Family Support Group Meeting will be held Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m., at Hainerberg ACS.



### Shopping at Toyland

Pfc. Ryan Wenzel, along with wife Kia and daughter Kelker, find lots of gifts while shopping at the Mainz-Kastel Toyland grand opening Sept. 19. Shoppers had the opportunity to talk with Santa while looking for Christmas ideas at the grand opening.

Photo by Paul Nelson



## 1-6th Infantry puts total soldier to test

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava  
222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Baumholder's 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, recently challenged its soldiers, NCOs, and lieutenants to prove their mettle during its annual Soldier, NCO and Lieutenant of the Year competition. A similar challenge was held at the squad level.

Covering everything from physical conditioning to military knowledge, the competition was designed to challenge the total soldier.

Competition began at dawn as soldiers warmed up for the day's events with physical training at "0 dark 30." After a short break for breakfast it was off to the obstacle course for 16 muscle-burning, lung-expanding stations that challenged a soldier's balance, agility, strength and determination.

Covered in dirt and sweat, they headed to the firing range for weapons qualification. A scenic 12-mile road march with plenty of hills to break the monotony filled in the time nicely before rounding off the day at MP Field with some hands-on stations that covered weapons assembly, land navigation and other combat skills. Day two exercised their mental agility as soldiers sat down to a 50-question written examination covering overall military knowledge.

When the dust cleared and everyone finally caught his or her breath, Spc. Milton Morena of Alpha Company emerged triumphant as the Soldier of the Year. The NCO of the Year victor was Staff Sgt. Keith Helms of Charlie Company.

Teaming up to win the squad competition was 1st Platoon from Charlie

Company. Squad members were: Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Holt, Sgt. Ryan Robrahn, Spc. Jacob Carley, Pfc. Mathew Belue, Spc. Andrew Norman, Sgt. Jason Connors, Spc. Jeremy Nihiser, Pfc. Justin Ferguson and Spc. Jeremy Vanzee.

A physician assistant from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Lt. Toben Lybarger, turned in the best score to capture the Lieutenant of the Year title.

Competition benefits more than just the soldiers who participated, according to Command Sgt. Maj. William Gunter.

"By reviewing how soldiers perform in the competition, commanders and first sergeants can assess what battle skills the rest of the company needs to work on in their spare time, whether it be upper body strength, endurance, land navigation or other skills," said Gunter.

Pointing to a soldier struggling at the rope climbing station on the obstacle course, Gunter said, "Upper body strength, as you can tell, is something I've witnessed over the last year that is not challenged enough, and it's giving these guys an eye-opener. The Army fitness program emphasizes push-ups, sit-ups and aerobic conditioning, but it's obvious that we don't do this enough.

"Fitness definitely carries the soldiers through the long run, not just physically but also mentally. It toughens them to be able to handle some of the hard times that can go along with deployment," he said.

"In Albania, for example, if we didn't have a good fitness program I think it would have hurt us in the long run. Our fitness carried us through the hard times that we went through in the first six weeks."

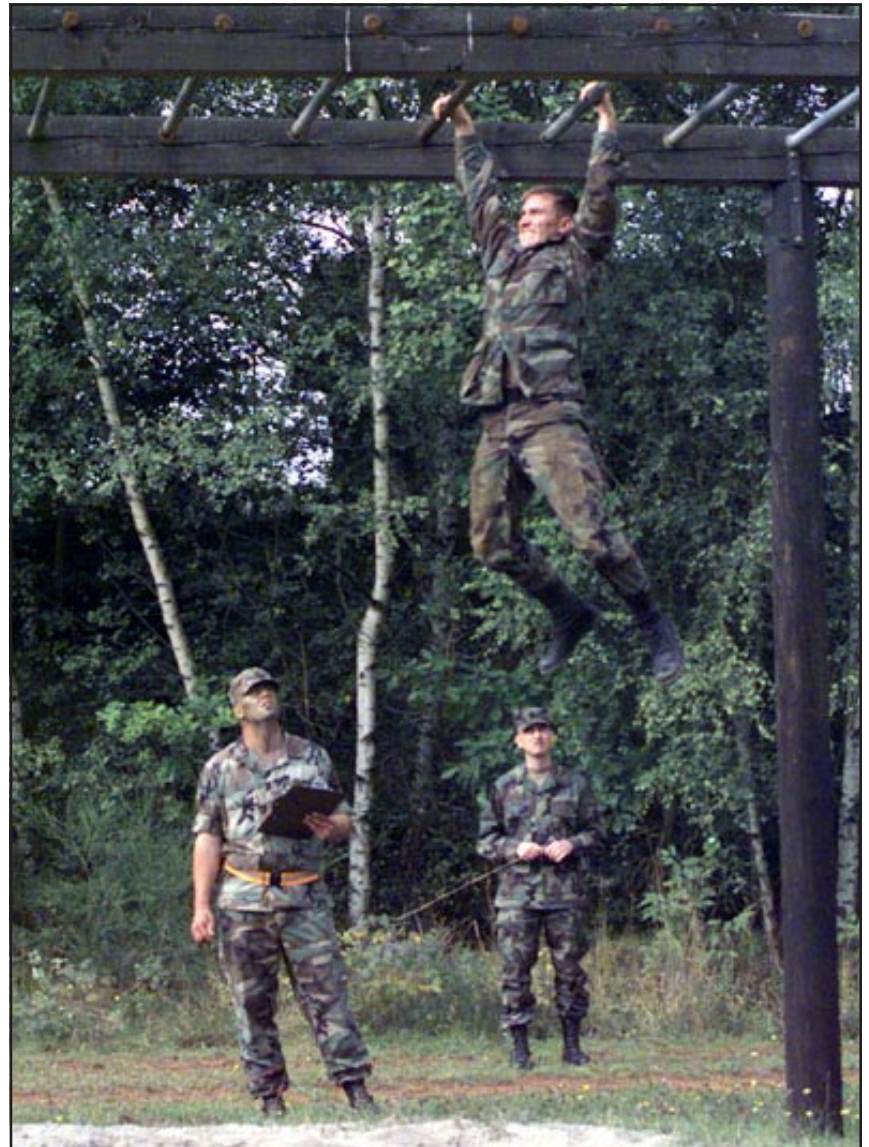


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Above, a soldier takes on the parallel bars at the obstacle course as evaluators grade his performance. Left: a soldier squirms through the low crawl station. Below left, a soldier calls in his position from one of the hands-on stations as an evaluator looks on and below, the 12-mile road march takes its toll on soldiers participating in the squad portion of the Soldier of the Year competition.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Morehouse



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## 2nd Brigade, DIVARTY focus on war fighting

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava  
222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Now that Task Force Hawk and Falcon are just a memory for the soldiers of 2nd Brigade and Division Artillery, both units are turning their attention to the backbone of their existence — war fighting.

2nd Brigade and DIVARTY recently concluded one in a series of command post exercises that focus on getting their staffs back into a combat frame of mind and provided them an opportunity to exercise their reactions to simulated combat situations.

With the help of Baumholder's Battle Focus Training Center, commanders, their staffs and soldiers are able to hone their reactions to battlefield conditions and their decision-making process minus the high price tag of actually setting up a Tactical Operations Center and Tactical Command Post in the field.

The BFTC incorporates computers, 17 workstations and the latest technology to simulate battlefield conditions. Everything from actual Hohenfels terrain to opposing forces and troop move-

ments is available at the click of a mouse button.

Using the BFTC is a cost effective way to train, explained Lt. Col. Thomas B. Lyles Jr., 2nd Brigade executive officer.

For this latest exercise an actual brigade tactical operations center, from which all brigade operations are coordinated and synchronized, was set up outside of the BFTC building. The actions of the soldiers in the various workstations inside the BFTC triggered reactions by the staff operating the TOC outside the building.

Also inside the BFTC building was the commander's TACP. In actuality, this would be a forward command post comprised of senior representatives from each of the commander's combat multipliers, such as a fire support officer, air logistics officer, a combat engineers officer and other key members of his staff, said Lyles.

In an actual combat situation, the TACP would be a highly mobile center that would provide the commander with the most effective vantage point from which to direct his forces.

The brigade TOC, on the other hand, sits center sector somewhat to the rear, preferably out of mortar fire, or indirect and direct fire, explained Lyles.

As the exercise got under way, soldiers from 1-35th Armor, 1-6th Infantry Battalion, 2-6th Infantry Battalion, 4-27th Field Artillery, an Air Force air logistics officer and a group of scouts stared intently at their monitors and reacted to the scenario unfolding before them. In a



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At the Tactical Operations Center, soldiers review a map of the simulated battle field and await reports from soldiers at the Battle Focus Training Center.

small room, shielded by partitions, two soldiers silently manned their workstations intent on undermining the entire operation. They were the opposing forces attempting to "neutralize" brigade elements in any way possible.

### BFTC does it all

"What we're doing here is simulating the brigade in a task force configuration," said Blaine Goin, instructor control for the BFTC.

"This simulation is a command and control exercise. It's not a gunnery trainer, but you could make it a tactical trainer depending on what you want to do. We can configure the workstations any way the unit wants them in order to accomplish their training objective," he said.

Units that train with the BFTC provide Goin their training objectives and what they want to accomplish. They

define the equipment they want on the work stations or in the whole simulation. They determine the type of opposing force that they want to go against and the particular terrain they want to train on.

"We build a database, get the terrain built, and it's real terrain I might add. This is real Hohenfels terrain. In fact, it's so accurate, you can go to a particular place on that terrain, check the line of sight, go to Hohenfels to that same identical spot and the vision will be the same. Grafenwöhr builds the terrain and the particular area that a unit wants to train in," explained Goin.

He added that a unit does not have to use all 17 of the workstations. "A tank platoon, an infantry platoon, a cavalry platoon or a squad can come in here and train on just a couple of workstations," he said.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Soldiers plan their next move on one of the stations at the Battle Focus Training Center.

**ACAP**  
mil 485-6741

### ACAP focuses on employment after military

Transitioning soldiers and family members, Baumholder's Army Career and Alumni Program is concerned about your future. They offer a variety of services for separating soldiers and their family members. They give bimonthly Preseparation Briefings and Job Assistance Workshops/Seminars. As ACAP clients, you will have access to the Internet for job searching. You will learn the necessary skills to find a job and to succeed in a job interview.

If you are interested in attending a briefing or finding out more about ACAP call mil 485-6741 or civ (06783)6-6741.

Baumholder's ACAP offers the following services through November:

**Preseparation Briefing:** This briefing is mandatory for separating soldiers. Orders are not required to

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attend. All soldiers must attend a Preseparation Briefing no later than 90 days prior to their separation date. Topics include transition requirements, benefits, education and finance issues. ACAP also conducts unit briefings for five or more soldiers and their family members.

The suggested time frame for attendance is 180 days prior to ETS. Briefing dates and times are Oct. 5, 26 and Nov. 2, 16 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Contact the ACAP office for the location of these briefings.

**Workshop Seminar:** This is for separating soldiers and Department of Defense civilians. Suggested time frame for attendance is 180 days prior to separation.



Please note that you must attend a Preseparation Briefing before attending the Job Assistance Seminar/Workshop. Topics include skill identification, resume writing, networking, references and interviewing. This is a two-day event and clients must attend both days. Those interested must call to reserve a seat for the Preseparation Briefing, Job Assistance Workshop/Seminar, or both at mil 485-6330/6741.

Workshop/seminar times and dates are:

- Oct. 5 from 1-4 p.m. and Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26 from 1-4 p.m. and Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 2 from 1-4 p.m. and Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m. and Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact the ACAP office for the location of these workshops and seminars.

Benefits of an Honorable Discharge briefings are available to all units. These briefings are an ideal training tool for sergeants time. Call ACAP for more information.

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## ACS mil 485-7196

### Upcoming ACS classes, events

- Oct. 1, Cover Letter and Resumes
- Oct. 6, Checkbook Management Workshop
- Oct. 7, Passport to Wellness, Toy Extravaganza and Health Fair
- Oct. 8, Interviewing
- Oct. 15, Filling Out Job Applications
- Oct. 20, Financial Management for First Timers
- Oct. 22, Making Your Life's Work Portfolio
- Oct. 23, Make A Difference Day
- Oct. 27, Community Job Fair, 6, 8 p.m. at the Rheinlander
- Oct. 29, Internet Job Searching.

### Help teach English as a Second Language

Army Community Service is interested in starting an English as a Second Language program. People interested in being an instructor may call mil 485-6252.

### FSG members can help train trainers

Family members active in their Family Support Groups who would like to help others learn the facts about FSGs are invited to attend a Train the Trainer Workshop Oct. 13 in the ACS conference room. For more information, contact the ACS Outreach Program at mil 485-6252.

### Guest readers needed for story hour

Army Community Service and the Baumholder Library will be offering story hour for community children the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The program will be held Oct. 14 and 28 at 4 p.m. in the library. If you would like to be a guest reader contact ACS Outreach Program officials at mil 485-6252.

### Newcomers coffee brews welcome

If you are new to the Baumholder community, Army Community Service would like to extend an invitation to the newcomers coffee Oct. 5 from 9-11 a.m. in the ACS lounge, Building 8746.

## Chapel mil 485-1570

### Chapel sponsors marriage conference

The 222nd Base Support Battalion chaplain's office is sponsoring a military marriage conference in Heidelberg Germany Oct. 22-24. The cost is \$90 per couple (\$100 after Sept. 30). This includes registration, room, breakfast and snacks. The conference is designed to equip couples with proven principles for strengthening their marriage. It is also great for couples planning to be married. Call the chapel office for more information.

## Education mil 485-7557

The staff of the Baumholder Education Center is currently improving the learning environment at the center through various self-help projects. The turmoil will be caused mostly by painting the interior installing new carpets and adding better furniture.

The University of Oklahoma and Cameron University representative from Ramstein Air Base visits the Baumholder Army Education Center the first and

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third Wednesday of the month, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The next visits are Oct. 6 and 20.

The Army Learning Center in Building 8108 is now open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday hours remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

People interested in raising their GT scores can do so by attending the next FAST class scheduled for Oct. 4-19. Visit the center for details and to enroll.

Baumholder's Adult Education Program is looking for instructors to teach Conversational German, High School GED Preparation and English as a Second Language classes. Call mil 485-6487 for details.

The Baumholder Army Education Center accepts applications for test examiner and Army Learning Center manager on an ongoing basis. For information, contact the center at mil 485-6486.

General Education Degree testing is available at the Baumholder Education Center. Practice tests are available free of charge and instructional materials may be checked out. For more information visit the Baumholder Education Center.

Need financial aid? Stop by the Education Center today for a free copy of "Need a Lift," the financial aid handbook.

The Baumholder Education Center is looking for instructors for the BSEP/FAST program. A bachelor's degree is required. Call the education center for more information.

## FSG update

### 1-35th Armor FSG

Upcoming Family Support Group meetings for the 1-35th Armor Battalion are as follows:

The battalion steering committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the battalion conference room. Their next meeting is Oct. 5.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company Family Support Group meets Oct. 12 in Building 8876.

Alpha Company Family Support Group meets Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the FSG room in Building 8876.

The Bravo Company FSG meeting will be Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wetzel FSG room, Building 8876.

Charlie Company holds its Family Support Group meetings on the second Thursday of each month in the company dayroom in Building 8213. The next meeting is Oct. 14.

### 2nd Brigade FSG

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, holds its monthly Family Support Group meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month in the company dayroom in Building 8252. Their next meeting is Sept. 29.

### 4-27th Field Artillery

Army Family Team Building Level I training is scheduled for Sept. 29 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Wetzel family support group room. Call mil 485-7124 to sign up and for more details. Child care is provided.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery has a bake sale Oct. 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the motor pool. Call civ (06781) 933 428 or (06783) 5358 for more information.

Travel opportunities for the battalion are available Oct. 8-11, Columbus Day weekend; and Nov. 11-14, Veteran's Day weekend.

The battalion command group extends its best wishes to all of the soldiers and family members of Iron Thunder. Battalion leaders anticipate a successful gunnery at Grafenwöhr, and encourage families and

soldiers to get out and enjoy Europe. People who have items of interest to add to this column may contact the battalion executive officer at mil 485-6434.

## Information

### AAFES IG team holds customer forum

A customer satisfaction forum is scheduled for Nov. 1 in the Baumholder Main Exchange from 2-3 p.m. A two-person Inspector General team from Headquarters, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Dallas, Texas, will answer questions and address customer concerns. All customers are invited to attend.

### College night open to all communities

Baumholder students, their parents and soldiers considering college in the States are invited to the Dexheim/Bad Kreuznach college night Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Nahe Club in Bad Kreuznach. This year, event organizers expect to exceed last year's 75 different colleges and universities represented by alumni. Admission is free.

### Commissaries close for Columbus Day

The Baumholder, Neubrück and Idar-Oberstein commissaries will be closed Oct. 11 in observance of Columbus Day. The Baumholder and Neubrück commissaries will resume their regular scheduled hours Oct. 12. The Idar-Oberstein Commissary will also be open Oct. 12 for customer convenience.

The Baumholder Commissary will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day.

### Military, civilians exempt from TV/radio tax

If you are a soldier or civilian living on the economy you may have received a letter in German from an organization with the initials GEZ. Those letters stand for Gebühreneinzugszentrale, a German agency responsible for collecting fees for the use of televisions and radios in Germany.

Under the Supplemental Agreement to the Status of Forces Agreement, members of the U.S. Forces, both military and civilian, are exempt from paying these fees. However, if you receive such a letter, don't throw it away. Take it to your legal services office which will help you in drafting a reply to the GEZ.

You should also take your military identification card along with a copy of your orders to verify your NATO SOFA status.

### La Leche League meets

Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find encouragement and information at the monthly meetings for Baumholder's La Leche League. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month in Neubrück housing and the next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12.

### Fire Week theme focuses on escape

Fire Prevention Week this year is Oct. 3-9. To commemorate the event, fire department members will conduct a demonstration Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. in front of the Rheinlander in which they will rescue a trapped person from a vehicle. Everyone is invited to attend and view the demonstration.

Every year one week is designated by presidential proclamation as Fire Prevention Week in recognition of the tragic Chicago Fire of Oct. 9, 1871.

This year's theme, "Fire Drills: The Great Escape," is designed to educate soldiers, housing residents, Department of Defense Dependents Schools students and Child Development Services children on the proper procedures to follow in case of a fire.



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## Golf season closes out with a real 'golf ball'

The last Commander's Payday Scramble of the year is Oct. 7 at 7 a.m. at the Ramstein Air Base golf course. There will be putting, chipping and driving contests followed by 18 holes of golf to determine which organization will keep the commander's trophy.

The first annual "golf ball" closes out the day's events starting at 7 p.m. at the Iron Works. There will be a guest singer, music, dancing, awards will be presented and a meal is included.

People interested in playing or attending the ball, banquet and dinner may call mil 485-7441/7544.

## Legal Affairs

**mil 485-6589/6506**

### Claims wants to make life easier

The mission of Baumholder's Claims Office is to assist soldiers and civilians in filing a claim for loss or damage incidental to the shipment of household goods or unaccompanied baggage and to settle that claim fairly and without delay.

To better understand claim procedures, customers should be aware of a couple of limitations affecting claims.

Customers must notify the claims office in writing, using DD Form 1840R, of all damaged and missing items within 70 calendar days from the date of delivery for shipments originating in the continental U.S. or within 14 calendar days from the delivery for moves within Germany.

Within two years of the date the goods were received, customers must file a claim against the government by completing DD Forms 1842 and DD Form 1844.

If you have any questions on completing a claim form, call the Claims Office.

## Medical

### Dental clinic closes

The Baumholder Dental Clinic will be closed for a U.S. Army Europe training holiday Oct. 8. and for Columbus Day Oct. 11. Emergency services will be available as always by calling the 222nd Base Support Battalion staff duty officer at mil 485-6150.

### Hypothermia can kill, learn to stay alive

Successful prevention and control of cold weather injuries depends on vigorous command leadership.

The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Preventive Medicine Activity is providing a "Train the Trainer" class pertaining to cold weather injury prevention at 9 a.m. Oct. 19 in the Training Support Division classroom, Building 8475. Class topics will include types of cold injuries, prevention, first aid and windchill factors. Attendees are asked to bring a formatted three-and-a-half inch disk to record training material. For more information, call mil 486-8405 or civ (06371) 86-8405.

## Public Affairs

**mil 485-1600**

### Send holiday greetings home

It's not too early to start thinking about the holiday season. Get a jump on sending your relatives and friends back in the States holiday greetings when the Army and Air Force Hometown News Center comes to Baumholder Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Recording

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sessions will be held next to the entrance to the Post Exchange. Individuals or families can sign up to record a video greeting to be aired back home on their local television station. The sponsor must be in uniform. Recordings can be made on a walk-in basis, but it's better to call the Public Affairs Office and sign up for a time slot.

### Spend Christmas with a German family

Will you be away from your family this holiday season? Why not spend Christmas this year with a German family from the local community? Every year, Baumholder's 222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office plays matchmaker for single soldiers who are interested in spending the holidays with a German family. Visits with a family can range from one day to one week or longer depending on the soldier's availability and the German family's request.

Often, German families invite soldiers back to their homes for more visits.

To find out more about this German-American program, call the Public Affairs Office today.

## Red Cross

**mil 485-1760/6313**

### Volunteer opportunities

A Red Cross volunteer orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 19. Orientations are scheduled the third Tuesday of each month.

### Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Course

The next Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Courses will be offered Oct. 22 from 6-9 p.m. and Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Community First Aid and Safety

Courses in Community First Aid and Safety are scheduled Oct. 8 from 6-9 p.m. and Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All courses begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the course is \$30.

### Red Cross Baby-sitting Course

The Red Cross Baby-sitting Course prepares adolescents, 11 years and older for the job of baby-sitting for siblings and the children of other families, friends, and neighbors. The next course is Oct 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## MWR

### Passport to Wellness focuses on information

A Passport to Wellness Fair is scheduled for Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rheinlander. The purpose of this fair is to provide members of the community information on all the programs and services available to them in the Baumholder military community. Participants include the eHealth and Dental Clinics, Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities, private organizations and family support groups.

The Health Clinic will provide blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screenings as well as information on staying healthy.

There will be fire department and military displays and demonstrations, a seat belt simulator, a Whopper Hopper for the children and more.

ACS will feature a display of safe, age-appropriate toys for children.

Giveaways and free food and beverages will be provided. The grand prize giveaway is a 19-inch color

television. All schools are invited to bring children to the fair on a field trip that day.

### Haunted houses and parties abound

The Baumholder community has several ways to celebrate Halloween this year. The Iron Works is putting on a Halloween costume party extravaganza. Get decked out in your favorite costume and head over to the Iron Works Oct. 30 starting at 8 p.m. Enjoy your favorite music, great food, games, door prizes and a costume contest with prizes for the winners.

For a more family oriented event, head to the Rheinlander Oct. 30 from 6-10 p.m. There will be all sorts of games, food and fun for the children. Wear a costume and compete for prizes in the costume contest. Call the Rheinlander at mil 485-7507 for more information.

### Sign up for basketball preseason tourney

Sign up by Oct. 29 for the Baumholder preseason basketball tournament. The cost is \$50 per team if you sign up by the deadline. Late entries pay \$65. Call the 222nd Base Support Battalion Sports Office at mil 485-7176 for more information.

### Root for your favorite flag football team

The 222nd BSB flag football championship will be played Oct. 18-21 on the Iron Soldier Fields. Winners of this championship advance to the 104th Area Support Group flag football championship Oct. 29-31 in Giessen.

### Mountaineer serves up volleyball

The 222nd BSB volleyball championship is scheduled for Oct. 4-7 at the Mountaineer Fitness Center. Winners of this tournament advance to the 104th Area Support Group competition.

### German tourneys close course

Oct. 3, Invitational (German RHGC) stroke and Stableford competition (course closed)

Oct. 17, Fall prize (German- RHGC) stroke and Stableford competition (course closed).

### Neubrück, Strassburg ready for Halloween

Oct. 8, Nature hiking, Strassburg Youth Services

Oct. 14, Bowling, Strassburg Youth Services

Oct. 22, Swimming in Kusel, Strassburg Youth Services

Oct. 28, Halloween party, Strassburg Youth Services

Wednesdays, cooking club, Neubrück Youth Services

Oct. 15, Lock-in, Neubrück Youth Services

Oct. 22, Swimming in Kusel, Neubrück Youth Services

Oct. 29, Halloween party, Neubrück Youth Services

**Go 'Underground' this Halloween**  
The Underground hosts two Halloween events for youth this season. First, head to the pumpkin patch at noon Oct. 23. The trip is free, but picking a pumpkin will cost DM 5. Afterwards, compete in the pumpkin carving contest for a chance to win prizes. The Underground hosts a free Halloween costume party Oct. 30 for 11- to 15-year-olds complete with a costume contest from 8-11 p.m. The Underground also offers a pool tournament with prizes Oct. 8. Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays from 2-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-6 p.m.

### Teen Cafe goes go cart racing

The Teen Cafe holds an open house and ice cream social Oct. 2. There's go cart racing Oct. 16 and a pingpong tournament Oct. 22. The cafe is open Mondays through Fridays from 3-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-8 p.m.

## Cyber Zone goes online in Giessen

### New social center gets community web connected

Story and photo by Christiane Seidel  
Special to the Herald Union

Giessen Arts and Crafts became one of the latest outposts of cyberspace in August with the opening of one of U.S. Army Europe's first cyber cafes, the Cyber Zone. The new social center offers patrons an opportunity to surf the Internet for all it's worth. Whether you're planning your next weekend getaway, staying in touch with friends and family in the United States and around the world, making new friends or keeping up with your favorite sports teams, the Cyber Zone offers you access.

Logging on at the Cyber Zone allows patrons many of the advantages of a personal computer without incurring costs such as the relatively steep Internet connection fees prevalent in Germany. "I visit the Cyber Zone three times a week and it is an absolutely great thing. I can keep in touch with my friends in the United States, and I use it for email," said

Spec. Brandon M. Wood, stationed in Giessen.

Another customer, Pam Weamer, an Army Community Service counselor, said, "I visit the Cyber Zone several times a week — it's a wonderful thing. I use the Internet for my work, and also to get in touch with my family and to order things online." Giessen's cyber cafe boasts five high-powered Pentium computers to choose from, making speedy access to the information superhighway a matter of a few keystrokes.

### Interactive games, too

The Cyber Zone also makes an extensive library of top computer games available for leisure activities. "Interactive gaming is one of the hottest things that soldiers like to do these days," said Rodrigues Mitchell, an Arts and Crafts staff member. "Some of our customers use the computers for research," he added.

The Internet Cafe is located in Giessen Arts and



Pam Weamer orders books online at the Cyber Zone.

Crafts, Building 47 on the Giessen Depot and is open Tuesday to Friday from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

## Community spotlight

### ACS offers courses

Learn to protect and empower your child when ACS offers **Child Safety** courses in Friedberg Oct. 8 in Building 3608. The parents' group will meet from 10-11 a.m. and the children's group from 4-5:30 p.m. The course will also be held at Bad Nauheim ACS, Building 5618, Oct. 15 at the same times. Feeling stressed out? Let ACS help you find ways to minimize the stress in your life by learning coping strategies. The **Stress Management Course** takes place at the ACS in Friedberg, Building 3608, Oct. 11 from 1-2:30 p.m., and at Giessen ACS, Building 3, Oct. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. If anger sometimes gets the better of you, the **Anger Management Course** can teach you to recognize early warning signs and prevent anger from escalating into violence. The course will be held at ACS in Friedberg, Building 3608, Oct. 5 from 3-4:30 p.m. Learn to reconcile, balance and manage your checking account with a **Checkbook Management Class**, to be held at Giessen ACS, Building 3, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Do you sometimes feel that you and your child speak different languages? A **Parenting Class** designed to assist with communication between parents and children will take place at ACS in Giessen Oct. 6 from 1-2 p.m. in Building 3, and Oct. 14

at Friedberg ACS, Building 3608, from 1-2 p.m.

### Kudos to those who care

A warm kudos to the soldiers and family members of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 284th Base Support Battalion, who organized and executed a **humanitarian aid drive for refugees in war-ravaged Kosovo**. They collected approximately 700 pounds of donations, comprising mostly toys and clothing, for people trying to rebuild their lives in a devastated land.

The donation drive lasted four months and the Giessen, Butzbach and Friedberg communities did an outstanding job. "I am very proud of my soldiers and the families of the 284th BSB. I would like to give my special thanks to **Master Sgt. Rodrigo Cruz, Master Sgt. Isom Morgan and Spc. Aleshia Morris** for their effort and dedication," said HHD commander, Capt. Ahmad Nawab. Donations were transported to a central collection point in Bad Kreuznach Sept. 16 for shipment to Kosovo.

### Fog on roads

Drivers beware — **fog season is coming**. Now is the time to prepare your car for these special weather conditions. Check the lights, windshield wipers and defroster to ensure that you can see and be seen by other drivers. Clean the windows inside and out. The European

Fog Code is: **"Slow down, keep your distance and use your lights."**

### Town Hall Meeting in Butzbach

Be heard and elevate your issues of community concern to the commander's attention. **Attend the next Town Hall Meeting** at Butzbach Elementary School Oct. 13 starting at 5:30 p.m.

### Community Information Briefing

Find out what's going on in the 284th BSB for the next two months. The **Community Information Briefing is open to the public** and everyone is welcome to attend. The next CIB will be conducted Sept. 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the Alpine Catering Center in Giessen.



### Shopping across the border

Giessen Outdoor Rec offers a **shopping tour to Poland** Oct. 16. The cost is \$45 for adults; children ages 4-12 travel for half price. For details call Giessen Outdoor Rec at mil 343-8202.

### Dance the night away

The Woodland Club Giessen will host a **Columbus Day Hip Hop Jam** with DJ Dev Rico Oct. 10. Be there when the party starts at 10 p.m., and dance the night away till 4 a.m.

### Club Beyond meetings

Parents and community supporters are invited to find out what teens are

doing at **Club Beyond meetings**, and experience the club at its finest. Meet other parents and support the ministry. The event is scheduled for Oct. 13 in the YS Building in Giessen at 7 p.m.

### Fall fair in Giessen

The **Giessener Herbstmesse** is taking place through Oct. 3 at the Messeplatz near the Schwanenlake in Giessen. Experience German food specialties, enjoy the rides and relax with friends in the beer tent.

### Trade Fair takes over town

The city of Giessen holds its traditional Trade Fair Oct. 9-10. The majority of stores downtown will be open for **shopping through the weekend** and a wide variety of culinary delicacies will be offered for sale.

### Can't beat free publicity

Are you a Family Support Group leader or scout master, or otherwise involved in organizing events that you would like the 284th Base Support Battalion family to know about? Visit the 284th BSB Public Affairs Office in Building 1 on the U.S. Depot in Giessen to discuss your **publicity needs** or reach us at mil 343-1600, civ (0641) 402-1600. If you're online, email [publicity@284bsbexch.giessen.army.mil](mailto:publicity@284bsbexch.giessen.army.mil).

### Physical conditioning classes

The 284th BSB Sports Office offers 25 physical conditioning classes for \$20 through the month of October. No registration is necessary. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. in Friedberg, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in Giessen.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Alois A. Glessner

Scouts sling-load a HMMWV into place during Scout training.

## Deep insertion training paves the way at course

By Staff Sgt. Alois A. Glessner  
1-37th Armor Family Readiness Group Leader

The Scout platoons of 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, underwent their annual Scout Platoon Proficiency Course evaluation near Wetzlar Sept. 7-10.

As part of its reconnaissance mission during the final two days of the exercise, 1-37th Armor's Scout platoon used helicopters to insert a team into an area independent of the rest of the platoon. Utilizing helicopters for "deep

insertion" helps to develop the battlefield in depth and gives the commander a better idea of what lies before him.

The operation was deemed a success. It is hoped that sling-loading vehicles and deep inserting reconnaissance assets forward is continued because of the potential realized during SPPC.

### The team to call on

The 1-37th Armor Scouts team is comprised of patrol leader Staff Sgt. Drew McCullah, Sgt. Dwayne Thacker, Spc. Carlos Girona and Pfc. John Dunn.

## Live fire in Graf

### German officials get firsthand look at training on tour of 1st Brigade units in the field

Story and photo by Lisa Suarez  
284th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

The day started early for Erika Schäfer, mayor of Ober-Mörlen, and Wolfgang Mahr, a city councilor from Bad Nauheim, Sept. 22. Along with leading educators from 284th Base Support Battalion communities, they took an eye-opening excursion to Grafenwöhr to gain an insight into the training needs and activities of their American military neighbors.

In order to further their understanding of 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, training needs and capabilities executed in Grafenwöhr, Hohenfels and the Friedberg local training area, 284th Base Support Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Robert J. Wagner, accompanied them on a bus trip to visit 1st Brigade battalions currently conducting live-fire training exercises in Grafenwöhr. Four area DoDDS principals, Nancy Hammack of Bad Nauheim Elementary School, Dr. Marion Parker of Butzbach Elementary School, Dave Russell of Giessen Elementary School and Carol Kuzmick of Giessen High School, made up the VIP party.

The excellent state of the Grafenwöhr facilities was remarked by the touring group. Their first stop was with the Company B Battlecats, 2-37th Armor Battalion, where the visitors received a briefing on vehicle control designed to keep training soldiers out of harm's way at the range. From there the group was ushered into a shack-like dining hall operated by Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, where the group got a taste of Meals Ready to Eat. One comment was that MREs have come a long way.

Capt. Esli Pitts of Headquarters Company briefed the guests on 1st Brigade's training schedules, stressing the time factor. "It is difficult to get on the training schedule at Grafenwöhr. The 1st AD's training calendar is driven by this schedule, but we also train extensively in other matters such as hazardous materials and hazardous waste handling during off times," he said.

Parker posed a question on some of the visitors' minds, "Are there any plans to further reduce the force, and will those plans have an impact in our area?"

"Part of the restructuring that will happen concerning Force XXI is to decrease each battalion's strength to three instead of

four companies. However, this should not influence the local school population because affected soldiers and their families will be leaving by attrition," said Pitts.

### A matter of 16 seconds

Next, Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Luna from Company A, 1-36th Infantry, explained the use and deployment of the Bradley fighting vehicle. "The soldiers get evaluated on many different points, one of them being the time frame between discovery and identification of the target and the actual kill, which must be under 16 seconds," said Luna. Capt. Rodney Conner, also from Company A, 1-36th Infantry, told the astonished guests, "The time frame of 16 seconds is necessary and calculated from the time a Bradley discovers the target. If the crew does not identify and kill the enemy within 16 seconds, in real life they would likely be dead themselves."

The final stop before the return to Giessen was a visit with Company A, 2-37th Armor, where Sgt. Eric Schloneger gave a hands-on tour of an M1-A1 tank to the visiting group. Hammack was amazed. "It is really an inspiration to see what the dads are doing downrange."

Parker expressed her concern for the parents among the soldiers. "This is such a stressful environment. I can imagine that nobody would want to receive a call down here and be told that her or his kids are having problems in school."

Mayor Schäfer was impressed too. "It is amazing how everything in this training area is structured," she said. "The protective security measures are immense. This is a huge facility. I was especially keen to see how the environment is treated, and I have to say everything was OK: no garbage or other items were left lying around. My fellow mayors who did not accompany us on this trip really missed out."



Dave Russell and Nancy Hammack listen to Sgt. Eric Schloneger explain the duties of a tank driver as Maj. Michael Higginbottom looks on.



# 410th BSB — Bad Kreuznach, Dexheim

## News clips

### Oktoberfest comes to BK

The Nahe Club hosts its own Oktoberfest celebration — complete with a 35-piece Bavarian band — Oct. 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight. German sausage, sauerkraut and Bavarian pretzels will be served from 9–10:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.95. Call the club at civ (0671) 609-6252 for more information.

### Schools need substitutes

Substitute teachers are needed at both the Bad Kreuznach Elementary School and High School. Visit the schools for applications and details.

### FSG training on at ACS

Army Community Service will offer quarterly Family Support Group training Oct. 19 from 9–11:30 a.m. in Building 5623, second floor. For more information or to register for the class call ACS at civ (0671) 609-7107.

### Mexican buffet, Olé!

The Rheinlander Catering Center celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with a book display and an all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet lunch and dinner Oct. 15. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; dinner from 6–9 p.m. Each meal costs \$8.95. Call civ (06133) 69-712 for more information.

### 'Spirit renewal' for lunch

The Bad Kreuznach Community Club's October luncheon will be held Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nahe Club. A social hour will begin at 11 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon. This month's program is "spirit renewal." Limited child care will be available on site. Lunch choices are broiled lemon chicken with rice pilaf and zucchini or, a chef salad; dessert will be chocolate cream cake. Sign up for child care and RSVP for the luncheon no later than Oct. 15 by calling Robbin Strobel at civ (0671) 896 3153.

### See Twain's life on stage

The Bad Kreuznach Bridge-house Players will perform "Twain Plus Twain" — four one-act plays that depict Mark Twain at various stages in his life — Oct. 22, 23, 24 and 30 at Kuhberg Theater on Hospital Kaserne. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6–13. No children under age 6 will be admitted.

### Baby-sitters get trained

The Bad Kreuznach American Red Cross offers a baby-sitters training course Oct. 23 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class will cover CPR, first aid and safety measures. Call the Red Cross at civ (0671) 609-1760 to sign up.



Photo by Deborah L. Powers

Jousters Heinz Lüttger (left) and Rufus Henson battle it out in the 18th International Bad Kreuznach Fischerstechen Tournament Sept. 12. The match, which lasted more than 25 minutes, turned out to be the longest in the town's history.

## Fischerstechen finals go into record overtime

The two boat jousters were tired, bruised and battered, but neither was willing to budge off the wooden plank under his feet. The audience were growing restless as the match went on ... and on ... and on.

After more than 25 minutes — the longest match in the history of the tournament — Heinz Lüttger delivered one final jab that sent Staff Sgt. Rufus Henson tumbling into the Nahe River.

Lüttger, from the wrestling branch of the local German sports club VfL-Ringer, and Henson, who represented the BK German-American Kontakt Club, were battling in the finals of the 18th International Bad Kreuznach Fischerstechen (boat jousting) Tournament held on Rose Island.

"My legs were screaming; they were numb. ... And then I lost focus for just a second," described Henson, who traveled all the way from Carrollton, Ga., to compete in the event — his seventh to date.

The three-day tournament featured youth competitions Sept. 10, matches for the city championships Sept. 11 and the international finals the following day.

The BK Kontakt Club, with Henson as its jouster, placed second in both the City and International Championships. Rowers Hans Breyer, Robert Robinson, Andreas Georg and 14-year-old Chris Gruber provided the stability and maneuvering that made the wins possible, Henson said.

Three other American teams — one from the 410th Base Support Battalion and two representing the 1st Armored Division — also took part in the International Championships Sept. 12. Jouster Sgt. Jeff Chovan and rowers Staff Sgt. Victor Marrero and 1st Lt. Sean Strate



Photo by Deborah L. Powers

Defeated, but still smiling, the 1st Armored Division's "Chief of Staff Team" — jouster Col. Jimmy M. Rabon and rowers Maj. Wayne Stillwell and Capt. Rob Bowen — make their way back to shore after a match.

battled for the 410th BSB; jouster Col. Jimmy M. Rabon and rowers Maj. Wayne Stillwell and Capt. Rob Bowen made up the 1st AD "Chief of Staff Team," and the "G3 Team" consisted of jouster Lt. Col. Terry Wolff and rowers Maj. Greg Reilly and Maj. Fred Kane.

Although those three teams didn't place in the event, they drew bursts of cheers and applause from the crowd for their efforts and sportsmanship. And that's the whole point of the games, according to Henson.

"It's not all about winning, it's about having fun," he said.

## News clips

### BK coordinators to meet

All area coordinators, building coordinators and alternate building coordinators in Bad Kreuznach are required to attend a meeting Oct. 13 from 1–4 p.m. at Kuhberg Theater, Building 5270 on Hospital Kaserne. Topics on the agenda include a program overview, a discussion of area/building coordinator responsibilities, a fire warden class, Military Police issues and legal issues. An open discussion will follow. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Rathe Thompson, housing noncommissioned officer in charge, at mil 490-5322.

### Units play flag football

The Bad Kreuznach Sports Office is hosting a Jack Frost Flag Football Tournament Oct. 2–3. The tournament is open to all unit-level teams, but is limited to the first 14 that register. The cost is \$100 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams as well as individuals. Call the Sports Office at mil 490-6177 for more information.

### Maryland starts Term 2

Registration for the University of Maryland's Term 2 (which runs from Oct. 25 to Dec. 17) takes place Oct. 11–22. The tentative class schedule is as follows:

► Bad Kreuznach — **PSYC 100**, Introduction to Psychology (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.); **ECON 203**, Principles of Microeconomics (Mondays and Wednesdays from 6–9 p.m.); **GERM 112**, Elementary German II (Mondays and Wednesdays from 6–9 p.m.); **MATH 100**, Prealgebra (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–9 p.m.); **COMM 293**, Technical Report Writing (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–9 p.m.); and **SPCH 100**, Introduction to Public Speaking (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–9 p.m.). Several seminars will also be offered, including **HIST 219/319**, Fall of Yugoslavia (Nov. 6–7); **CAPP 100B**, Word Processing (Nov. 6–7); **CAPP 121**, Advanced Word Processing (Nov. 20–21); **LIBS 100**, Intro to Library Research (Nov. 20, Dec. 4). Call civ (0671) 609-6225 for registration details.

► Dexheim — **ENGL 101**, Introduction to Writing (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) and **SOCY 105**, Introduction to Contemporary Social Issues (Mondays and Wednesdays from 6–9 p.m.); Seminars will be: **HIST 219**, America in the Sixties (Nov. 14–15) and **HIST 219**, U.S. and Vietnam (Dec. 4–5). Call civ (06133) 69-780 for details.



# 410th BSB — Bad Kreuznach, Dexheim

## 'Visit' 75 campuses without leaving town

College Night will make it possible to "visit" 75 college and university campuses without ever leaving town.

The event, sponsored by the Bad Kreuznach High School and the 410th Base Support Battalion, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Nahe Club in Bad Kreuznach. All community members are welcome to attend.

"College Night is run in a 'county fair' type environment in which the alumni — officers, NCOs, DoDDs teachers, DA civilians and family members — pass out admissions information they obtained from their alma maters," explained College Night coordinator Lt. Col. Russell Prewitt-Campbell.

At press time, graduates from more than 75 colleges and universities from all over the United States, from UCLA and Texas A&M to Kansas State and the University of New Hampshire, are scheduled to take part in the event.

"For soldiers and students who are thinking about going to college, it's a great opportunity for them to get some



**College Night '99**  
Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m.  
at the Nahe Club

information on undergrad programs," Prewitt-Campbell said. "The bottom line is that if they were in the States, they couldn't make 75 campus visits so easily — here we just bring the campus to them."

Some may argue that similar admissions information can be obtained from the various schools' web sites.

"Although the web sites are out there, they lack the personal interaction," Prewitt-Campbell said. "At College Night, you'll be able to talk one on one with someone who actually went to the school, and they can share their personal experiences with you."

For those who wish to represent their alma mater at College Night — including two- and four-year colleges as well as technical schools — call Prewitt-Campbell at mil 490-7860, civ (0671) 609-7860.

### Welcome melodies

Linda Beougher's harp playing welcomes guests to a Welcome Tea Aug. 29 at Bad Kreuznach's Nahe Club. Spouses from throughout the 1st Armored Division were invited to the tea in honor of Sheila Casey, wife of 1st Armored Division commander, Maj. Gen. George W. Casey. The event also featured the sounds of the 1st AD Band's guitar, piano and drum ensemble. Attendees presented a decorative basket — chock-full of wine, tasty edibles and wrapped gifts — to the honoree.

Photo by Lauren Kuiper



### Unit report

## DIVENG 'relives past'

By Capt. Jennifer Thomas  
Company Commander, HHD, Engineer Brigade

The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Engineer Brigade's Equal Opportunity Council hosted a Women's Equality Day celebration Aug. 27 at Marshall Kaserne. Council members read the Women's Equality Day proclamation, a poem by Maya Angelou and produced a historical slide show.

Guest speakers Capt. Mary Card and Capt. Carrie Harryman, both from the office of the Staff Judge Advocate, presented a program titled "Relive the past, experience the present and envision the future." The presentations were combined with a luncheon.

The EO Council serves as a liaison between the soldiers and the commander. Current members include Pfc. Ryan Wenzel, Pfc. Marcus Harrison, Spc. Nicole Kightlinger, Spc. Augustin Soto, Spc. Michael Daniel, Spc. Demetrius Smith, Sgt. Kimberly Butler and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Garrett.

The council also hosts events in celebration of various ethnic observances and helps increase unit awareness of EO issues. Council members are all volunteers from the company who devote their free time to council events. HHD, Engineer Brigade's next celebration will be in support of Hispanic Heritage Month in October.

Want publicity for your unit? Call Deborah Powers at mil 490-5939 or email [powersd@cmtymail.104asg.army.mil](mailto:powersd@cmtymail.104asg.army.mil) for submission guidelines.

## Hesitation could prove deadly

At one time or another, it has happened to all of us: You're inside a building — maybe you're at home, in a hotel, shopping center or eating at a restaurant — when suddenly the fire alarm sounds. The first thing you do is look around to see what everyone else does (if anything). According to experts, this hesitation may be a common response, but it could prove deadly.

Too often people don't react when a fire alarm sounds. Particularly in public settings, people tend to wait and see how others respond. We know from tragic fire incidents that a quick, decisive response is often what makes the difference between life and death in a fire, according to Ken Isted, 410th Base Support Battalion Chief of Fire and Emergency Services Division.

As National Fire Prevention Week begins Oct. 3, this year's theme of "Fire Drills: The Great Escape" will work to change the public's attitudes toward fire alarms — especially in public settings.

"My staff and I strongly support efforts to improve public responsiveness, and stress the importance of escape planning in any location," Isted said. "No

matter where you are or what type of building you're in, if a fire breaks out, it's too late to start developing a plan," he added. "You've got to know how to respond immediately in a variety of situations, and take early warning signs of fire seriously."

An important component of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign will focus on home escape, since approximately 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States occur in the home, according to Isted. In addition, this year's theme will address instances where it may be safer to stay where you are if a fire occurs, such as in some high-rise buildings.

Isted urges everyone in the community to develop home-escape plans with all members of the household, and to practice fire drills regularly. An adequate home fire-escape plan, he said, includes everyone in the household knowing how and when to evacuate, establishing an outdoor location in front of the home where everyone will meet upon exiting, and knowing the emergency number of the fire department — which should be contacted immediately from the nearest phone.

## Unit reps should attend cold weather training

The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Preventive Medicine Activity is providing a "train the trainer" cold weather injury prevention class Oct. 13 from 9-11 a.m. in the Recreation Center, Building 5325 (above the library) on Rose Barracks in Bad Kreuznach.

According to regulation, leaders at all levels are accountable for cold weather injuries sustained by soldiers either in garrison or during field exercises.

"Leaders who know the hazards associated with winter can reduce the incidence of cold weather injuries," said Capt. Vicki Baker, chief, Environmental

Health Division at LRMCC.

One representative from each unit in Bad Kreuznach and Dexheim should attend the training, officials said. Students are required to bring a formatted 3½-inch computer disk to receive a copy of the training material.

"Upon completion of the class, students will have the knowledge and training material to train their unit about types of cold weather injuries, first aid, prevention and wind chill factors," Baker said.

For more information call LRMCC Preventive Medicine at mil 486-8405/8111.



## Soldier's ingenuity makes marksmanship training realistic and less expensive



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lawrence Blood

A soldier sets his sight on the pop-up target at 50 meters wearing his chemical protective mask. The MILES system is mounted on the M16 barrel.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lawrence Blood

A soldier delivers the laser signal to the pop-up target from a foxhole on the Simulated MILES Range at Campo Pond.

By Sheila R. Garrett

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Soldiers now have a new training tool with which to practice firing their M16. The training, which combines the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System with a soldier's issued equipment, provides a more realistic and accurate means of practicing basic rifle marksmanship. Staff Sgt. Lawrence Blood, a Scout assigned to 1-1st Cavalry in Büdingen, has devised a system called the Simulated MILES Range currently in use at Campo Pond military training area.

"I spent four years at the Joint Readiness Training Center," Blood said. "It is similar to CMTC, but it is for light infantry units. Down there we developed ways to make MILES work. We made small modifications in the way we mounted the MILES onto the M16 to make it more accurate."

### Past experience brought future improvements

Blood's strong background in working with MILES prompted him to come up with a range that was realistic. He has since succeeded in making the MILES transmitter accurate up to the normal effectiveness of the soldier's weapon (300 meters). Soldiers participating in this training benefit from being able to practice the fundamentals of marksmanship at a time when ammunition and range facilities are limited, due to the high costs of ammunition and land.

"When I came here I was trying to get some people to go to a MILES certification class. People asked me why go because it doesn't work anyway," Blood said. Since this new MILES range has been used at Campo Pond it has resulted in positive feedback from participating soldiers. "This range training is also increasing the interest in participation in the MILES certification classes. This is a positive effect because a soldier's individual knowledge and confidence in the MILES system increases. When the unit deploys to one of the war-fighting training centers such as CMTC, NTC and JRTC the soldier can put this knowledge into play on the simulated battlefield. In most cases the MILES

system is not fully understood by the unit's leadership and this takes away from the training benefit that war-training centers provide. The increased knowledge of the MILES system provides a realism to war fighting centers and allows the soldier to concentrate on the mission-essential tasks and not his/her inability to hit a short range target, Blood explained. Most soldiers would rate the MILES system as marginal because the outcome of a simulated battle is mostly effected by how well the MILES system is working and not how well the soldier is performing. With the Simulated MILES Range training, as long as the soldier mounts and zeros the system correctly they will receive the full training benefit that the war fighter training center can provide, Blood said.

### Campo Pond using Simulated MILES Range

The training devices currently in place at the Campo Pond Training Center on New Argonner Kaserne are indoors and lack realism. The Weaponeer, a simulated indoor firing range for example, is one of the devices used for marksmanship training. The Weaponeer is complete with a computer that reports the movement of the shooter as he/she is sighting the target. The computer is unique in that it enables soldiers to look at their results immediately and make corrections to their methods of approach as necessary.

The only shortcoming of the Weaponeer is that it is a simulation of a firing range of up to 300 meters in a 12-by 3-foot area. The targets stand in front of a lightly colored background, completely opposite of what would be found on a battlefield.

### Simulated range effective to 300 meters

Using Blood's Simulated MILES Range as a complement to the Weaponeer, realism is achieved, thereby providing a well-rounded, inexpensive training opportunity for soldiers.

The components of the Simulated MILES Range include pop-up targets set in a realistic field setting and the MILES laser system mounted on a soldier's issued M16. Range targets are set at 50, 100, 150, 200, 250 and 300 meter increments. "One obstacle we had to over-

come was making the MILES transmitter effective out to 300 meters because the mount for the transmitter was too loose on the barrel of the rifle. The laser has always been able to travel the 300 meters, but small modifications were made to the mount that will increase the soldier's knowledge and confidence in the MILES system.

Blood has been working with units to initiate soldiers to use the new Simulated MILES Range training. The training, perfected by Blood, has proved to be an inexpensive and valuable tool for practicing marksmanship.

For more details on this unique training tool call the Campo Pond Training Area at mil 322-8833 or civ (06181)88-8833.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lawrence Blood

The pop-up target shown above is equipped with a laser sensor at center mass. All of the sensors on the pop-up targets are at different heights to force the soldier to use the proper point of aim at 50 meters, 100 meters, 150 meters, 200 meters, 250 meters and 300 meters.



# 414th BSB — Büdingen, Hanau

## Buffalo Soldier Museum

### Displays explain the history, importance of the Buffalo Soldier

By Sheila R. Garrett  
414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

The Buffalo Soldier is an important part of American history. Many are unaware of the trials and tribulations that faced the soldiers as they made their place in history. Two very special individuals interested in educating children and adults alike are Elijah Oliver and Marshall Dunston. In 1995 Oliver, museum president, was instrumental in acquiring a home for what is today the Buffalo Soldier Museum and Information Center. Dunston, the museum curator, carpenter, historian and educator, works daily on gathering information, constructing displays and visiting schools to educate children on Buffalo Soldier history.

The museum covers the complete historical beginnings of the soldier starting with the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments together with the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments. These four regiments were the first regiments of black soldiers formed by an act of Congress in 1866. The name Buffalo Soldiers was bestowed upon these troopers by Native American Indians because the Indians had such admiration for the black soldiers' courage and fearless fighting tactics.

"Some think it was only because of their hair texture that the Indians named them the Buffalo Soldier, but

it was also the Indians' admiration for the black soldiers' spirit. They said it was like the buffalo — they never gave up; they just kept on charging ahead," Dunston explained.

The museum and information center is instrumental in educating young minds. Dunston has traveled to DoDDS to share his knowledge.

"We want to build this museum up for the history of the Buffalo Soldier and the military as a whole. We have many aspects of history in the museum and I enjoy sharing with the kids," Dunston said.

The museum is currently in a transitional period as 45 square meters of donated carpet is being laid in one room. Oliver is hosting a flea market on Old Argonner Kaserne Oct. 16, accepting donations to help with the remainder of the needed renovations.

For details call Elijah Oliver at mil 322-1670 or civ (06181) 88-1670.



Photo by Sheila R. Garrett

1st Sgt. Linda McCain admires displays in the Buffalo Soldier Museum.

## Provost Marshal's corner



School is back in session and drivers must obey German and military installation laws for school bus loading and unloading. It is legal to pass a German school bus while it is loading and unloading, but it is illegal to pass school buses on military posts while they are loading and unloading. Stay alert and keep our children safe.

## Notable notes

### Hanau Town Hall Meeting

Share your thoughts and concerns at the upcoming Hanau Town Hall Meeting, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hanau High School cafeteria. Refreshments will be available.

### Fire Prevention Week

The 414th BSB Fire Department reminds residents that Oct. 3-9 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Fire Drills, the Great Escape." The Fire Department encourages all families to have a fire escape plan and regular fire drills.

### Büdingen Dental Clinic changes appointment policy

The Büdingen Dental Clinic, in response to residents' concerns, has changed its policy on family member appointments. For more information on the changes call the Büdingen Dental Clinic at mil 321-4862 or civ (06042) 80-862.

### Hanau Fall Bazaar

The Hanau Community Spouses Club together with Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a Fall Bazaar Oct. 29-31 on Pioneer Kaserne in the gym. For more

information on booth rental call civ (06183) 51817.

### Hanau High School football

Good luck to the Hanau Panthers as they take on Stuttgart and Aviano in away games Oct. 2 and 9.

### Shuttle bus service available

The 414th BSB has a shuttle bus that serves Büdingen, Gelnhausen, Hanau and the 209th Dispensary. For information on times and pick up points call mil 322-1800 or civ (06181) 88-573 600.

### Polish Pottery Bingo

The American Red Cross hosts Polish Pottery Bingo Oct. 3 in the WOA Hut, Building 459 on Old Argonner Kaserne. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

### Kudos to scholar finalist

Congratulations to Carlos A. Renjifo-Mundo, a scholar finalist in the 1999-2000 National Hispanic Recognition Program. Students selected as finalists are the highest achieving two percent of all students nationwide who qualify for the program.

# Abandoned POVs a problem in the BSB

By Capt. Aaron Koenigseker  
414th Base Support Battalion HHC Commander

The abandoning of privately owned vehicles in the Hanau area has long been a problem.

A typical abandoned vehicle is either owned by a soldier or civilian who has left the area or is a non-operational vehicle whose owner does not wish to repair it. The abandonment of vehicles on government property is an offense and can lead to disciplinary action.

### USAREUR APOV Regulation

According to USAREUR Regulation 190-1 and 414th Base Support Battalion commander's policy, an APOV is defined as a vehicle having met one or more of the following criteria:

- ☞ Lack of proper license plates, registration or vehicle identification;
- ☞ Has been in the same location for

an extended period of time;

- ☞ Generally damaged, unclean or abandoned appearance;

☞ Reported to the Hanau Support Team or Military Police by a knowledgeable person as being abandoned.

When a suspected abandoned vehicle is found, the Military Police mark it with a large orange sticker and report it along with the owner information to the Hanau Support Team.

The APOV Program manager attempts to contact the owner for three working days before contacting the contracted towing service to take the vehicle to the POV Holding Lot located in Grossauheim Kaserne.

After the vehicle has been towed, the manager attempts again to contact the owner for a period of 45 days in order to determine the vehicle disposition. If the owner is located, he or she can remove the vehicle from the lot or sign it over to be

crushed. If the owner is not located, a Board of Officers is convened to determine the vehicle's fate, whether it is to be crushed or turned over to DRMO for resale.

### Owners incur discard costs

It is important to note that whatever happens to the vehicle, the owner will now be held liable for the cost of the German towing service and labor.

Final costs may vary, but it is significantly higher than if the owners had simply taken care of it themselves. The payment will be taken directly from the owner's paycheck via cash collection voucher.

Vehicles registered as non-operational, are not authorized on U.S. caserns and will be marked as abandoned. The only exceptions are at the AAFES garage adjacent to Sportfield Housing or the Auto Crafts shop and POV Holding Lot, both located on Grossauheim

Kaserne. Nonoperational vehicles are not authorized in the housing areas or the POV Resale Lot on Wolfgang Kaserne.

To avoid having U.S. personnel go to local salvage yards to dispose of their unwanted vehicles, which can cost up to \$250 or more based on make, model and age, the Hanau Support Team provides a free crush service at the POV Holding Lot. Owners need only take the vehicle with registration and customs paperwork to the lot during regular operating hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) and sign the vehicle over to the lot manager. At that point the vehicle is no longer their problem.

The goal is to remove all abandoned vehicles from the area and to discourage others from abandoning their cars. People with questions about POV disposal can call the AST at mil 322-9443, civ (06181) 88-9443 or the POV Holding Lot at mil 322-8523, civ (06181) 88-8523.



# Recreation

## At the movies Sept. 29 to Oct. 15

### Bad Kreuznach, Rose

Sept. 29 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — New Blood (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
New Blood (R) 9 p.m.  
Oct. 3 — An Ideal Husband (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5 — New Blood (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — An Ideal Husband (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13 — Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — For The Love Of The Game (R) 7 p.m.

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

Sept. 29 — Summer Of Sam (R) 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — Tarzan (G) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — The General's Daughter (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 2-3 — An Ideal Husband (PG-13) 4 p.m.  
New Blood (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — New Blood (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5-6 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7-8 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 9-10 — Tarzan (G) 4 p.m. Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 — Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13-15 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

Oct. 1 — Summer Of Sam (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 2-3 — The General's Daughter (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8-10 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

Sept. 30 — New Blood (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m. Drop  
Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — South Park (R) 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — For Love Of The Game (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m. Inspector  
Gadget (PG) 9:30 p.m.



Johnny Depp and Charlize Theron star in the psychological thriller *The Astronaut's Wife*.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

Sept. 29 — Cookie's Fortune (PG) 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — Deep Blue Sea (R) 7 p.m. The Matrix  
(R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 3 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 — The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — The 13th Warrior (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 10 — Tarzan (G) 2 p.m. American Pie (R)  
7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13 — The 13th Warrior (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — The 13th Warrior (R) 7 p.m. Blair  
Witch Project (R) 9:30 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

Sept. 29 — The Haunting (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — Notting Hill (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Oct. 2 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 3 — Adventures of Great Mouse Detective  
(G) 3 p.m. Deep Blue Sea (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 — Deep Blue Sea (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — Deep Blue Sea (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 10 — The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 — Deep Blue Sea (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13 — The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m. The Sixth  
Sense (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.

### Hanau, Evening Star

Sept. 29 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — Tarzan (G) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — South Park (R) 7 p.m. For The Love  
Of The Game (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 4:30  
p.m. South Park (R) 7 p.m. For Love Of  
The Game (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 3 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 2 p.m.

South Park (R) 4:30 p.m. For Love Of The  
Game (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Oct. 4 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — Double Jeopardy (R) 7 p.m. Eyes  
Wide Shut (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — Tarzan (G) 4:30 p.m. Double Jeopardy  
(R) 7 p.m. American Pie (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 10 — Tarzan (G) 2 p.m. American Pie (R)  
4:30 p.m. Double Jeopardy (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — Mystery Alaska (R) 7 p.m. The  
Blair Witch Project (R) 9:30 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

Oct. 1 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
The Astronaut's Wife (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — South Park (R) 7 p.m. The  
Astronaut's Wife (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 3 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — The Astronaut's Wife (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m. Eyes Wide  
Shut (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
American Pie (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 10 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 — An Ideal Husband (PG-13) 4:30  
p.m. American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — The Haunting (R) 7 p.m. Rogueforce  
(R) 9:30 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

Sept. 29 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

Oct. 1-2 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

Sept. 29 — An Ideal Husband (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — Wild Wild West (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 — Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m. South Park  
(R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — Tarzan (G) 4:30 p.m. Rogueforce (R)  
7 p.m. South Park (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 3 — Tarzan (G) 4:30 p.m. Rogueforce (R)  
7 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — Rogueforce (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 5 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 6 — Drop Dead Gorgeous (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — South Park (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — For The Love Of The Game (PG-13)  
7 p.m. American Pie (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — American Pie (R) 4:30 p.m. For The  
Love Of The Game (PG-13) 7 p.m. Eyes  
Wide Shut (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Oct. 10 — American Pie (R) 4:30 p.m. For The  
Love Of The Game (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 — For The Love Of The Game (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 13 — Eyes Wide Shut (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — American Pie (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — Double Jeopardy (R) 7 p.m. Blair  
Witch Project (R) 9:30 p.m.

**Movies and times subject  
to change by local theaters**

## The plot's the thing

**Rogueforce (R)** — Frustrated police officers form a renegade cell within the force to destroy a criminal organization in the city. FBI agents step in to the bloody battle. Stars Michael Rooker, Diane Dilascio and Louis Mandylor.

**American Pie (R)** — In this rough tale of growing up, a group of friends are trying hard to learn the difference between physical attraction and romance. Jennifer Coolidge, Chris Klein and Eugene Levy star.

**The Astronaut's Wife (R)** — An honored NASA astronaut and his beautiful school-teacher wife are the perfect all-American couple when a space mission changes everything. Johnny Depp and Charlize Theron star.

**An Ideal Husband (PG-13)** — Sir Robert has a perfect life until a woman threatens to reveal a dark secret from his past. As the foundations of his perfect career and mar-

riage begin to crumble, Sir Robert turns to Arthur, his life-long friend, who is soon caught in a web of lies and temptations. Cate Blanchett, Rupert Everett and Minnie Driver star in this romantic comedy set in London in the 1890s.

**The Love Letter (R)** — In a sleepy New England town, an anonymous letter has arrived that is going to wake things up. Everybody who reads it wonders who it's for and who it's from. Stars Kate Capshaw and Blythe Danner.

**The Thirteenth Floor (R)** — On the thirteenth floor of a corporate tower, visionaries Douglas Hall and Hannon Fuller have taken the technology of virtual realities to new heights, creating a living simulation of 1937 Los Angeles on a computer chip. When a confused Hall awakens to discover a bloody shirt in his house and Fuller murdered, he becomes the prime suspect. Stars Craig Bierko, Armin Müller-Stahl, Vincent D'Onofrio and Gretchen Mol.

**The Red Violin (R)** — This saga chronicles the journey of a legendary musical instrument through three centuries. A violin with an unusual reddish hue appears at an auction in modern-day Montreal and intrigues expert Charles Moritz, who mounts an investigation to establish its true worth. Greta Scacchi, Sylvia Chang, Carlo Cecchi and Christoph Koncz star.

**Summer Of Sam (R)** — Mira Sorvino, John Leguizamo and Ben Gazzara star in director Spike Lee's latest movie about the summer of 1977 when unease reigned thanks to a grisly spree of murders committed by the man dubbed by the tabloids, "Son of Sam."

**Wild Wild West (PG-13)** — Jim West is a former Civil War hero and Artemus Gordon is an inventive U.S. marshal who excels at disguise. When the United States is threatened by Arliss Loveless, they team up to bring him to justice. Salma Hayek, Kevin Kline, Will Smith and Kenneth Branagh star.



# Bulletin board

## Classified ads

Announcements in this section are for private individuals. We will not accept ads from anyone fronting for commercial enterprises such as Amway and Tupperware, car dealers, phone or mail order firms, land investment, etc. For your protection and ours, ads must be in writing. Please include full name, military organization, address and telephone number. We will not accept classifieds over the phone. To submit an ad: **Drop one off:** at our office in Room 401 (fourth floor) Building 1202, Yorkhof Kaserne, Hanau. **Mail to:** 104th Area Support Group, Herald Union, Unit 20193 Box 0001, APO AE 09165. **Email:** [hesherald@104thasgexch.hanau.army.mil](mailto:hesherald@104thasgexch.hanau.army.mil). **Fax:** mil 322-9136, civ (06181) 88-9136. Ads will be published twice unless withdrawn. The next issue of the *Herald Union* will be published Oct. 20. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 12.

### Cars/motorcycles for sale

- 1996 Geo Metro coupe** — 3 doors, red, hatchback, 5-speed manual trans., AM/FM/cassette, Kenwood 10-disc changer, dual air bags, great on gas, 38K miles, \$3,500. Call civ (0671) 896 2844.
- 1999 VW Cabrio GLS convertible** — U.S. specs., PW, PL, power top, heated leather seats, 6-disc CD changer, remote keyless entry, \$19,000. Call civ (06783) 1771.
- 1991 VW Golf CL** — black, 2 door, sun roof, 5 speeds, 50K kms on rebuilt eng., 2 extra sets of tires, \$1,995 o.b.o. Call mil 322-7452 or civ (06184) 902 637 after 5 p.m.
- 1991 Opel Kadett** — 89,500 kms, alum. wheels, \$1,650. Call civ (06187) 7685.
- 1988 Pontiac Trans Am GTA** — 5-liter motor and 700R4 Tranny, PW, PL, CC, AC, PS, PB, tilt wheel, power seats, auto. trans., Pioneer CD, \$5,500 o.b.o.; also, **1988 BMW 320i** — black metallic with gray cloth int., lowered, 4 doors, alum. rims, new tires, winter tires on separate rims, sun roof, Kenwood CD/speakers, \$3,700 o.b.o. Call David at civ (0171) 9806 056 or (06041) 820 790.
- 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E** — 180 PS, 128,500 kms, gray metallic with gray fabric seats, non-smoker car, dual air bags, 4 speed auto., sport line, CC, 4 new winter tires, sun/moon roof, AC, heat-controlled glass, luggage rack, German specs., DM 25,000. Call H.G. Lofi at civ (06781) 47982 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 1997 Ford Probe GT** — PW, AC, AM/FM/CD, elec. locks, well maintained, tires only 6 months old, more, \$11,750. Call Sgt. Mark Smith at mil 485-6556 or civ (06783) 4097.
- 1992 Chevy Cavalier** — 2.2L, gray, 4 doors, 5 speeds, PS, ABS, power door locks, recent shocks and brakes, new head gasket, inspec. good until Aug. 2000, U.S. specs., 110,000 miles, \$1,800 o.b.o. Call Randy at mil 334-2806 or civ (06127) 7617.
- 1987 Ford Escort** — 4 doors, sun roof, German specs., 4-speed manual, AM/FM/cassette Kenwood stereo, \$600 o.b.o. Call civ (06033) 63664.
- 1992 Honda Accord 2.2i** — red, 4 doors, 5 speeds, sun roof, dealer maintained, German specs., exc. cond., 124,000 kms, alum. wheels, \$7,650. Call mil 334-2596 or civ (06106) 877 171 after 6 p.m.
- 1996 Ford Windstar** — 21,800 miles, 3.8L, V6, dual air, PL, PS, PW, ABS, AM/FM/cassette with dual controls, tinted windows, luggage rack, 25-gal. tank, benches fold into bed, \$16,000. Call civ (06783) 980 493 after 3 p.m.

- 1983 Opel Rekord** — inspec. good till May 2000, sun roof, standard, auto. door locks, AM/FM/cassette, 2 new tires this year and 2 last year, runs really good, \$900. Call civ (06051) 5430.
- 1986 Mazda 323** — 2-door sedan, new brakes/muffler/alternator and starter, recent German inspec., like new winter tires, \$1,200. Call civ (06181) 840 759.
- 1996 Ford Mustang** — 44,000 miles, Pacific green metallic, auto., 3.8L, V-6, all power options, CC, AC, anti-theft, \$10,500 o.b.o. Call civ (0172) 618 6067 or email LAHeddlst@aol.com.
- 1991 Geo Storm GSI** — 16 valves, independent suspension, 5-star rims, low profile tires, AC, rear defroster/wiper, tinted windows, radio/tape/6-pack CD, oil changed every 3,000 miles, records, \$3,500 o.b.o. Call Cpl. Leonhardt at mil 337-5110 or civ (0611) 564 0364.
- 1986 BMW 728** — reliable, 147,000 kms, German specs., sun roof, inspec. good through July 2000, \$1,800. Call civ (0611) 957 0626 evenings.
- 1981 Harley Davidson Glide Classic "FLTc"** — rebuilt eng., new flywheel, rods, bearings, pistons, gaskets, clutch, only OEM parts used, 23,000 miles, less than 10 miles on new eng., \$7,500 o.b.o. Call mil 330-6314 or civ (06173) 66950.
- 1996 Ford Windstar** — 34,500 miles, 3.8L, V6, dual air, PL, PS, PW, ABS, AM/FM/CD, privacy glass, roof rack, 25-gal. tank, benches fold into bed, dealer maintained, \$17,250. Call civ (06196) 46420.
- 1989 Fiat Tipo** — 4 cyls., 1.6L, 4 doors, red, PW, radio/CD, \$2,300 o.b.o. Call Scott at civ (0611) 701 866.
- 1987 VW Jetta** — very good cond., reliable, economical, German specs., radio/tape player, extra set of tires and rims, \$1,800. Call civ (06781) 25462.
- 1992 Mazda 323 SE** — 3-door hatchback, U.S. specs., 5-speed trans., inspec. through Aug. 2000, 76K miles, AM/FM/cassette, reliable, well maintained, \$2,250 o.b.o. Call mil 322-8190 during duty hours or civ (06074) 28201 after 6 p.m.
- 1995 Honda Accord LX sedan** — 4 doors, 64,000 miles, dealer maintained, 5 speeds, \$11,200 o.b.o., tan int., AC, CC, PW, PS, exc. cond. Call civ (06782) 9486.
- 1986 VW Passat** — 150K kms, just passed German inspec., very dependable, \$1,500. Call Robin or Ingrid at civ (06181) 432 117.

### For sale

- Flea market** — hosted by the Wiesbaden schools Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Hainerberg Elementary School multipurpose room. Reserve tables for \$10 (fees donated to Project Hope) by calling Lesley Walden at civ (0611) 721 422.
- Furniture** — couch and matching love seat, cream color, \$500 for both; 2 end tables and 1 coffee table, all matching with wrought-iron base and glass tops, \$275 for all 3. Call civ (0671) 896 1746.
- Hobby camping trailer** — very good cond., passed inspec. May

- '99, winter/summer outside tents, \$1,500 o.b.o. Call Rich Wargel at civ (06031) 7574 or mil 343-7867.
- University of Maryland textbooks** — Geology, Engl 291, Math 101, Phil 170, Hist 157, Eng 101, Soc 100, \$25-30. Call Christie at civ (06783) 186 170.
- German king-size bed with lighted headboard** — built-in nightstands, mattress, large matching Schrank, \$575. Call civ (06074) 824 190 after 6 p.m.
- Bar** — 3 pieces, black, mirror back, 2 lights, 2 glass shelves, 4 wood shelves, 2 meters wide, 2 stools, \$400; AST Adventure 5150 computer, Cynit 6X86 Pisot processor 150, 1.2GB HD, 48MB RAM, fax/modem, 3.5 floppy, 8X CD-ROM, speakers, 3D stereo sound, Win95, MSWorks, MSMoney, Encarta 96 Print Artist, 17-in. monitor, SVGA, \$500. Call David at civ (06071) 21117 or mil 348-7461.
- Set of OZ racing Mitto rims** — 16 ins., \$600; set of 16-in. pony rims for 1994-up Mustang. Call civ (0611) 732 0835 or mil 337-5052.
- Bunk beds** — light wood, \$50; 2-door clothes Schrank, light wood, \$50; black stereo racks, \$50 each; answering machine, \$15; cherry finish 4-poster king bedroom suite, carved solid wood, brass hardware, mattresses, nightstands, dresser and beveled mirror, \$1,000. Call civ (06184) 990 863 evenings.
- Germania Beanie Baby** — \$145. Call civ (06132) 57228.
- Furniture** — kitchen table with extension, 4 chairs, \$195; 2 cherry wood end tables, \$60; 2 oak end tables, \$60; 6-drawer dresser, \$40. Call civ (06723) 991 700.
- Beanie Babies** — selling collection. Call David at civ (0171) 9806 056 from 6-8 p.m.
- Sanyo 25-in. multisystem color TV** — \$200; VCR, \$75; satellite dish, \$60; sofa, coffee table, recliner, \$85. Call civ (06186) 900 472.
- Round oak kitchen table** — sides fold down, 2 arrow back oak chairs, \$250; white baby changing table, \$25. Call civ (06783) 1771.
- Windows 98 upgrade** — never used, \$50. Call civ (0671) 61368.
- Stereo equipment** — CD player, \$50; tuner, \$40; surround Sound deck with speakers, \$60; all Kenwood models, \$140 for all. Call civ (0611) 763 7420.
- Transformers** — 1,600 watts, \$45; 750 watts, \$35; 75 watts, \$10. Call civ (06051) 5430.
- German refrigerator** — with 2-drawer freezer, \$150. Call civ (06181) 840 759.
- Ornately carved, cherry finish king 4-poster bed** — nightstands, 7-drawer dresser with beveled mirror, brass hardware, \$1,000. Call civ (06181) 500 6833 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.
- Double pine futon** — with exc. mattress, colorful cover and matching pillow, \$195; navy blue recliner, \$25; German portable phone, \$50. Call civ (06782) 40982 or email [optjkw@yahoo.com](mailto:optjkw@yahoo.com).
- Pop-up trailer** — U.S. specs., easy to tow behind most vehicles, sleeps 5, dining area, stove, ice box, storage cabinets, battery power and elec., propane, \$1,300; Norinco 9mm pistol, 2 boxes of rounds, case, lock, \$150. Call Dave at civ (06722) 7298 or email [dhoneywell@yahoo.com](mailto:dhoneywell@yahoo.com).

- German kitchen** — like new, white, modern, all appliances, DM 2,000. Call civ (0611) 721 230 or Regina at mil 337-6144.
- Antique Singer sewing machine** — cast-iron frame, works well; Germania Beanie Baby Bear, \$150; pine party bar with 6 pine bar stools, \$350. Call civ (0611) 724 158.
- Two pine grain Schrank** — \$45 and \$50; antique milk can table, \$35; large Indian mandala, \$40; 3-tier, cranberry color plastic rolling cart, \$10; winter scene oil painting, \$45; wood end table, \$15; 4-drawer chest, \$20; 3 medium size Indian mandalas, \$15 each; 2 small Indian mandalas, \$10 each; small walnut cabinet, \$10; Southwest style swag. Call Connie at civ (06783) 1668.
- Sony Playstation** — with 7 games, Game Shark cartridge, \$300; AST computer Advantage 9402, 15-in. AST VGA monitor, \$700. Call civ (06181) 259 445.
- Bose 701 speakers** — direct/reflecting system, compatible with 400 watts per channel amps, \$450; U.S. Robotics 56K fax/modem, internal, V.90, \$50; Hi-Val True 40X40 CD-ROM drive, EIDE internal, \$50. Call civ (0611) 957 0478 evenings.
- Small refrigerator with freezer compartment** — like new cond., 220 volts, \$125. Call civ (06781) 25462.
- PCS sale** — transformers, 300-1,000 watts, \$10-60; 220-volt, 16-in. oscillating fan, \$15; mint Cardiowalk treadmill, \$85. Call civ (06181) 574 663.
- Computer monitor** — 15-in. VGA, Magnavox, \$50; U.S. Robotics

external modem, 33.6 BPS (upgradeable to 56 BPS), \$25; computer games (Panzer General II and Imperialism II), \$10 each; baby bath; food processor; wet wipe warmer; toys; baby boy clothes and shoes; girl's clothes and shoes (5-7 year old). Call civ (0611) 562 0591.

### Wanted

- Looking for a Tupperware party** — please call if you are sponsoring one in the Hanau area. Call Kirsten at civ (06181) 52642.
- Pen pal wanted** — 30-year-old German would like to improve her English-language skills. Write to Heike Elbert, Am Hahnenbusch 9, D-55628 Nieder-Olm.
- Volunteer caseworkers needed** — for Wiesbaden American Red Cross, gather data, initiate, receive and respond to emergency/non-emergency messages, training provided. Call mil 337-5173 or civ (0611) 705-5173.
- Exchange student seeks host family** — University of Barcelona student majoring in linguistics wishes to live with English- or German-speaking family while attending the University of Frankfurt for a year starting this fall. Write to Rebecca Burt, Calle Uruguai 86, Buzon 99, Villarana (Barcelona) 08759 Spain.
- Honest, reliable, mature woman** — to watch over my 2-year-old, and, on occasions, my 8-year-old, Monday to Friday, live-in/out, Wiesbaden resident preferred. Call civ (0611) 380 7326 or (06122) 916 880.
- House/apartment to rent** — 4 or 5 bedrooms with balcony, garage and 2 baths in Giessen formid-October. Call mil 343-8996, civ (0641) 402-8996 or (0641) 943 6621.
- Models sought for fashion show** — male and female models wanted for "Greet the Millennium" Fashion Fair. Call Mr. Reese at civ (0172) 6111 859 or Petra at civ (0173) 441 2454 by Sept. 20.
- Donations of annual leave** — from fellow 284th Base Support Battalion NAF employees are being sought for Leslie G. Spear, a Friedberg Guesthouse employee who has been hospitalized since May. She requires regular dialysis treatments, is recovering from cancer-related surgery and has exhausted her leave balances. Donations can be accepted from NAF workers whose basic pay equals or exceeds \$8.51 an hour. Eligible donors may transfer no more than half of the total leave they would otherwise accrue in the 1999 leave year. Pick up leave donation forms at the Giessen NAF Personnel Unit on the Giessen Depot or call Bob Matthews at mil 322-8474 or 343-8618.

### Pets

- West Highland Terrier puppies for sale** — born Aug. 18/19, 2 boys, 2 girls, \$300, to include first shots. Call mil 322-7452 or civ (06184) 902 637 after 5 p.m.
- Chow chow** — 4 years old, black, female, fixed, great with kids, \$150 o.b.o. Call Scott at civ (0611) 701 866.

### Lost

- Gold-colored dog tag** — lost in Baumholder, with name and personal data engraved, reward offered. Call civ (06781) 981 774 or email [sturchfa@j surf.com](mailto:sturchfa@j surf.com).

### Services available

- Jewelry made to your specifications** — by goldsmith specializing in manufacturing and repair, near Hanau's shopping center in Grossauheim. Call civ (06181) 52729.

### For rent

- Wiesbaden apartment** — 2 mins. from Hainerberg Shopping Center, 1st floor, 2 bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden, terrace, cellar, DM 1,440 plus utilities, avail. Nov. 1, garage optional. Call civ (0611) 721 230 or Dan at mil 337-6084.
- Furnished 3-room apartment** — in Hanau, bedroom, bath, dining room, sitting room, big patio/balcony, storage space, quiet area, satellite, TV/AFN, laundry facilities, DM 1,600 all inclusive. Call civ (06181) 15593.

### Employment

- Domestic help** — clean floors and do light housecleaning near Dexheim, flexible days and times, rates negotiable. Call Tom at civ (0170) 943 0358.
- TKS Telepost Kabel-Service** — seeks ambitious, well-groomed individuals with advanced English and communication skills. Call civ (0631) 3522 202.
- Bad Kreuznach Thrift Shop manager** — apply by Oct. 7. Call civ (0671) 609-6381 on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Supply management officer** — GS-9, to work at the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia European Region in Mainz-Kastel, closing to apply is Oct. 6, job announcement number is DSCP-99-1965. Call mil 850-0200 or visit the DSCP website at [www.hroc.dla.mil/joas](http://www.hroc.dla.mil/joas) for more information.
- Management and food service positions** — available at new Subway sandwich shop in Wiesbaden. Call civ (06131) 921 656.

## School lunch menu

- Monday, Oct. 4** — Chicken fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli spears, pudding, roll
- Tuesday, Oct. 5** — Ravioli with meat sauce, Parmesan cheese, garlic toast, tossed salad
- Wednesday, Oct. 6** — Combo burrito, macaroni and cheese, green beans, chilled gelatin
- Thursday, Oct. 7** — Hot roast beef, corn, chilled fruit cocktail, roll
- Friday, Oct. 8** — International Day
- Monday, Oct. 11** — No school
- Tuesday, Oct. 12** — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, fresh baked roll, chilled gelatin
- Wednesday, Oct. 13** — Frank's Frank Day, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks,

- chilled pineapple
- Thursday, Oct. 14** — Sloppy Joe on bun, au-gratin potatoes, tossed salad, chilled peach halves
- Friday, Oct. 15** — Cheese pizza, green beans, chilled pear halves, chilled gelatin
- Monday, Oct. 18** — Chicken fries, steamed white rice, corn, fresh fruit, creamy pudding
- Tuesday, Oct. 19** — Spaghetti and meat sauce, Parmesan cheese, garlic toast, green beans, chilled pineapple
- Wednesday, Oct. 20** — Combo burrito, corn chips, celery and carrot sticks, chilled peach halves
- Thursday, Oct. 21** — Chicken pattie sandwich, lettuce and tomato, potato wedges, carrots, chilled gelatin
- Friday, Oct. 22** — Student's choice special

## New faces in town

- Laurence McGrane Dowd** — born Sept. 4 to Donna and Maj. John Dowd of HHC 4th Brigade, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
- Hayley Elizabeth Melton** — born Sept. 5 to Trisha and Spc. Steven Melton of HHC, 1-35th Armor, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
- Dillon Michael Harris** — born Sept. 9 to Melanie and Cpl. Michael Harris of HHC 4th

- Brigade, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
- Carolyn Anne Oscar** — born Sept. 8 to Jennifer and 1st Lt. Gary Oscar of Company C, 501st MI Battalion, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
- Jake Anthony Panepinto** — born Sept. 9 to Stefanie and Sgt. Douglas Panepinto of Company C, 2-501st Aviation, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

- Anthony Nathaniel Rothenhoefer** — born Sept. 13 to Barbara and Spc. Stephen Rothenhoefer of 5-7th Air Defense Artillery, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- Paul Cyrus Cooper** — born Sept. 14 to Paula and Staff Sgt. Glen Cooper of Company B, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
- Kailey Michelle Doult** — born Sept. 16 to Theresa and 1st Lt. William Doult of Company A, 3-58th Aviation, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
- Christopher Verzosa Ocariza** — born Sept. 15 to Arlene Verzosa-Ocariza and Ernest Ocariza of

- the 104th Area Support Group, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- Mitchell Kai Cerbone** — born Sept. 16 to Michaela and Sgt. Marco Cerbone Jr. of HHB 5-7th Air Defense Artillery, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
- Luis Armando Rey III** — born Sept. 16 to Linda and Spc. Luis Rey of Company C, 2-501st Aviation, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- Amareliz Noemi Abrams** — born Sept. 16 to Ruth and Spc. Gilbert Abrams of HHD, 39th Finance, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

# Sports and leisure

## Take A Hike

By Donald Seltzer  
Staff Writer



Volksmarchers may find complete listings on the web. Click into the 104th ASG's site, [www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil](http://www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil), or scope out Thursday editions of *The Stars and Stripes*.

### Weekend of Sept 25 & 26

**Eppertshausen** — Here's one for volksmarchers in Babenhausen, Hanau and Aschaffenburg.

Located just north of the now-closed Münster Depot, this event offers a chance to enjoy a quiet walk in the surrounding wooded areas.

From the Darmstadt, Babenhausen or Aschaffenburg communities use B-26 and B-45 toward Hanau, exit at Eppertshausen or Rödermark/Ober-Roden and follow IVV signs to the start.

From the Hanau area drivers can use B-45 toward Dieburg and the same exits and IVV directional signs. Use care when exiting B-45 — the off-ramp's tight curve requires caution and reduced speed.

**Start:** Mehrzweckhalle

**Saturday & Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 & 20 km)

**Trails:** Stroller-friendly neighborhoods and woods

**Award:** Doll.

**Rommerz** — Volksmarching interest remains high in the area around the former military community of Fulda, even if the Americans left quite a few years ago. Past residents knew of and enjoyed the area's beauty; others will enjoy the same scenic countryside at this weekend's event in Rommerz.

From the Frankfurt area use Autobahn 66 to the Dreieck Fulda/Eichenzell, then B-40 to the Neuhofer exit and an unnumbered road to the start at Rommerz.

**Start:** Saal Imhof

**Trail:** Fairly hilly routes in wooded areas

**Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 & 20 km) and 4-7 p.m. (10 km)

**Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 & 20 km)

**Award:** Awards from previous events.

### Weekend of Oct. 2 & 3

**Berschweiler bei Kirm** — Volksmarchers in the Idar-Oberstein community will enjoy this nearby event. The area is always rewardingly scenic.

From Idar-Oberstein, take B-41 toward Bad Kreuznach to connect with an unnumbered road leading to Fischbach and the start at Berschweiler bei Kirm.

**Start:** Gasthaus Schmidthöfer

**Trail:** Hilly trails through mostly wooded areas

**Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (10 km), 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) and 4-5 p.m. (10 km)

**Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km) and 7-11 a.m. (20 km)

**Award:** Covered beer mug (Saturday), special stamp and certificate (Sunday).

**Wiesbaden-Gräselberg** — Wanderers in the Mainz and Wiesbaden communities will enjoy this nearby event on the German Unity Day holiday weekend. Separate IVV credit will be given for each day.

From Schiersteiner Kreuz (Autobahns 66 and 643) drive north toward Wiesbaden, exit at Wiesbaden-Dotzheim and turn right onto Erich-Ollenhauer-Strasse. Watch for IVV directional signs leading to the start on Wörthersee Strasse.

**Start:** Sportgelände des SC Gräselberg

**Trail:** Hilly; wooded and residential areas

**Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km) and 8-11 a.m. (20 km)

**Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km)

**Award:** Awards from previous events (Saturday) and special stamp and certificate (Sunday).

### Wednesday, Oct. 6

**Mainz-Gonsenheim** — This midweek walk is easily reached via the Autobahn and is found just north of Mainz. The starting time is just late enough so that wanderers in Wiesbaden and Mainz have a chance to participate after a day of work.

If Autobahns 60 or 643 aren't clogged with traffic, drivers should use them. Take the Mainz-Gonsenheim exit and follow IVV signs to the start.

**Start:** Karl-Geib-Haus at Kapellenstrasse 44

**Trail:** Mostly flat and stroller-friendly through woods and a field or two.

**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (10 km)

**Award:** Awards from previous events.

### Weekend of Oct. 9 & 10

**Gelnhausen-Hailer** — Volksmarchers in Büdingen and Gelnhausen will have only a few miles to travel to enjoy this walk in nearby Hailer.

Saturday morning participants also have the opportunity to visit the Wächtersbach ceramic factory store, a short way up the road to the northeast.

Drivers should use the Gelnhausen-West exit from Autobahn 66 to reach the start. Büdingen's readers will use B-457 toward Gelnhausen to pick up IVV directional signs leading to the start.

**Start:** Sport- und Kulturhalle

**Trail:** Fairly hilly; woods and fields

**Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (10 km) and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km)

**Sunday:** 8 a.m. to noon (10 & 20 km)

**Award:** Clown doll and swing.

### Weekend of Oct. 16 & 17

**Wiesbaden-Klarenthal** — Readers in Wiesbaden may find this walk within 10 or 15 minutes of their homes. The changing fall colors will make the wooded trails especially pretty for wanderers.

Drivers will use Autobahns 66 and 643 to reach Wiesbaden and, staying in the left lane, pick up the second Ring toward Klarenthal. Turn left onto Klarenthaler Strasse and shortly thereafter left again as IVV directional signs assist in reaching the start.

**Start:** Geschwister-Scholl-Grundschule

**Trail:** Fairly hilly trails in wooded areas

**Saturday & Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) and 8 a.m. to noon (20 km)

**Award:** Medal from a previous event.

### Weekend of Oct. 23 & 24

**Morbach** — Volksmarchers in the Idar-Oberstein community will enjoy a relatively close event this weekend at Morbach. This walk takes place in the Hunsrück area of Germany which, as veteran walkers will agree, is one of the prettier regions.

From Idar-Oberstein, take B-41 west toward Birkenfeld and connect with B-269 and B-327 to reach the start. Readers in Neubrück will just drive north on B-269 and B-327.

**Start:** Baldenauhalle

**Trail:** Hilly trails through woods

**Saturday:** 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (10 km) and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km)

**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km)

**Award:** Credit only; no award.

Questions? Send email to [volksmarch@hotmail.com](mailto:volksmarch@hotmail.com).



## Things to do

### Fun for families in Bad Orb

The spa town Bad Orb will hold a fest around the historical **Gradierwerk** Oct. 3. A jazz matinee kicks off the event at 11 a.m. Children will enjoy a petting zoo, goat-buggy rides and a night march with lanterns.

### Alte Oper opens fall season

The Alte Oper in downtown Frankfurt will host jazz stylist **Cassandra Wilson** Oct. 1 and a jazz party featuring the **Barrelhouse Jazzband**, the **Maryland Jazzband** and the **Roland Schneider Trio** Oct. 2. The **Branford Marsalis Quartet** and the **Joshua Redman Group** will share the stage Oct. 30. For tickets and complete listings call civ (069) 1340 400.

### Hip hop in Bad Kreuznach

**Sistaz Phat** bring a hip hop dance party to the Enigma in Bad Kreuznach Oct. 9. Tickets are \$5. Call civ (0173) 441 4040 for details.

### The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

The English Theater of Frankfurt presents the Bard in a comic performance which squeezes all 37 plays into **97 minutes of hilarity**. The English Theater is at Kaiserstr. 52, a short walk from the Frankfurt main train station. Call civ (069) 2423 1620 for tickets.

### American authors to read in Frankfurt



Toni Morrison

Popular American writer **Rita Mae Brown** will read from her latest offering Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. at Frankfurt's Amerika Haus (Staufenstr. 1). Entrance is DM 10. **Nobel laureate Toni Morrison** will read from her latest at Frankfurt's Schauspiel Haus Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. Admission is DM 15. Call the Amerika Haus at civ (069) 9714 4815.

### Medieval fest at the Ronneburg

The **Burgfestspiele festival** at the Ronneburg castle near Hanau brings master artisans together Oct. 2-3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to the accompaniment of jugglers, magicians, knights and musicians.

### Fall market in Michelstadt

Michelstadt in the Odenwald forest presents the annual **fall market** Oct. 9-10. Exhibits highlight the pumpkin and the wares of woodcarvers, silhouette cutters, porcelain painters and weavers.

### World premieres at Five Pfennig

Hanau's Five Pfennig Theater will host premiere performances of one-act plays, **"Body Parts and Border Crossings,"** Oct. 28-29. Call civ (06181) 888 008/888 891 or mil 322-8008/8891 for details.

### Wide world of sights and sounds

Folks in the Mainz area have a great venue for music and dance near at hand in the **Frankfurter Hof**. **IMuvrini** will play a mix of world music with a Corsican core Oct. 3; American guitarist **Steve Tibbets** joins forces with three singing Tibetan nuns for an otherworldly performance Oct. 9; and the **Richard Galliano Acoustic Trio** star Oct. 10. The rest of the fall lineup is terrific, too. The Frankfurter Hof is at Augustinerstr. 55, just east of the Dom. Call civ (06131) 220 438 for information and tickets.

### Sitting Bull on display in Darmstadt

An exhibit called **Sitting Bull — the last Indian** continues at the Hessisches Landesmuseum in Darmstadt, Friedensplatz 1, through Oct. 17 featuring 250 items and historical photographs. Call civ (06151) 165 711 for information.



# Sports and leisure

## Prep gridiron action

### Mixed results for local varsity football teams

High school football fans were treated to another roller coaster weekend of results across the 104th Area Support Group. With only Hanau American High School emerging victors over the Giessen Griffins, 28-8, it was a wake-up call for other local teams.

In Division III action, Baumholder came away from an opening weekend win over Bad Kreuznach to drop a hard-fought game against Brussels, 30-16. The Buc's Larue Heyward racked up 14 of Baumholder's points while Terrel

Russell claimed a two-pointer.

Despite a valiant effort in their non-conference match-up against Hohenfels, the Bad Kreuznach Bearkats fell one touchdown and an extra point shy of a win, 14-6. Fullback Junior Moore put Bad Kreuznach on the scoreboard with a fourth quarter touchdown.

After a convincing opening season win over Würzburg, 27-14, Sept. 18, the Wiesbaden Warriors found themselves outmatched at home Sept. 25 against Kaiserslautern. The Red Raiders left the field at the half with a 20-0 lead before returning to deliver a 27-7 coup de grace. While Wiesbaden's defense seemed in control in the opening series of downs, Kaiserslautern's defenders answered back by grabbing four interceptions. Warrior quarterback Phillip Floyd scored Wiesbaden's only touchdown.



Photo by Karl Weisel

Wiesbaden's Chris Serna leads the attack as Aaron Campbell sweeps around for one of his 21 carries against K-Town.

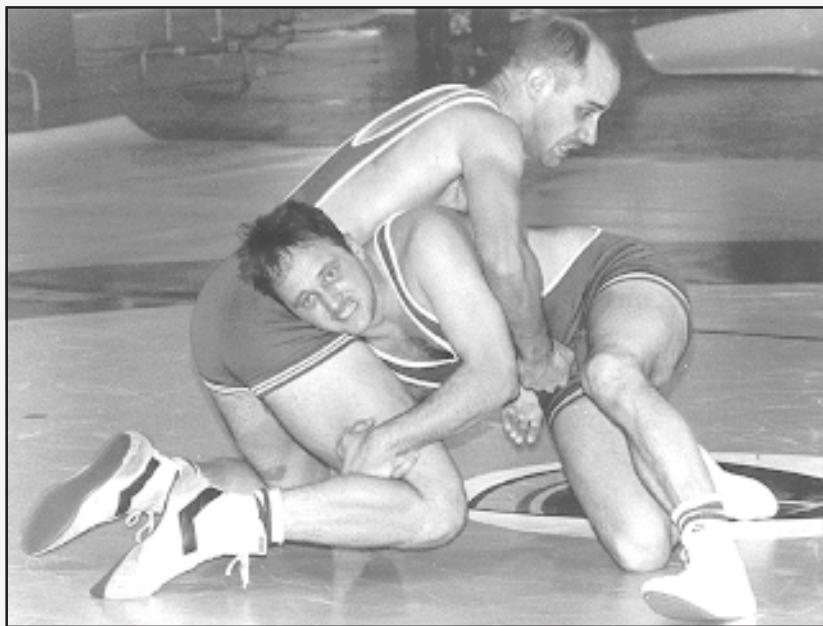


Photo by Karl Weisel

### Calling all wrestlers and coaches

The 1999 USAREUR Wrestling Coaches and Officials Clinic will be held Oct. 5-8 at Hanau's Fliegerhorst Fitness Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Bob Siar, secretary of the U.S. Wrestling Officials Association Executive Board and secretariat of the 1996 Olympic Games will be featured. An Open Wrestling Tournament with freestyle and Greco-Roman competitions will be held Oct. 9-10 at the Fliegerhorst center. Call mil 322-9045 for details on both events. A Wrestling Invitational is also slated to be held Oct. 2-3 at the Friedberg Fitness Center. Competition is open to all active duty military ID card holders and German Wrestling passport holders. Entry fee is \$10 for one style or \$15 to compete in both. Registration is from 8-9:30 a.m. each day. Call mil 324-3155 or 343-7201.

## Expenditures on track .....

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ate of Public Works. "The bottom-line is we're getting more service per dollar than we did under the old system with its restrictions placed on our in-house work force."

According to Spendlove and other officials, the new way of doing business has boosted performance despite the first year learning curve. "We're getting more work done and more efficiencies. And the costs are within the framework of the contract," said Dick Davis, DPW deputy. In addition to working out financially, he said customers are beginning to appreciate faster service, even if they didn't associate it with their most visible symbol — the fleet of white vehicles. "Customer satisfaction is sky-high," he said.

"The number of service orders we complete monthly is going up and the corresponding backlog is going down," said Ed Hayes, BOS project manager for both BSBs. "Our backlog is running about 33 days — it varies depending on the type of work that's required. We work on a service order priority basis — emergency, urgent and routine," he said.

Günther Treutel, acting chief of the 104th ASG DPW's Engineer Resources Management Division, said that previous year comparisons won't be made until year's end, but the figures he manages indicate BOS is on track with projected expenditures. He said there might be a slight backlog in the reporting of work

completed, but the figures so far indicate that expenditures are right in line with expectations.

"Overall by Aug. 16 we paid against that contract amount 71 percent. We stayed within our current contract amount. Any rumors that we exceed our contract, that we are spending \$100 million, \$150 million, I don't know where that comes from," Treutel said. He cited annual cost projections at just under \$26 million for the year ending Oct. 31 and increasing slightly in the out years to about \$27.5 million in fiscal year 2002-2003.

"The goal is to control costs and get the work done," said Robert Wooley, Spendlove's counterpart in the 414th BSB. "More work performed under the contract means more efficiency, not more profit for the contractor. It's a purely cost reimbursement contract." "We conduct work scheduling meetings with the DPW staff every week to discuss work completed, in progress and scheduled," said Hayes. "This way we stay focused on DPW's priorities. Our intent is to provide high quality, very responsive service at reasonable cost. Our focus is to take care of the soldiers, civilians and family members. That's our job," he said.

Treutel said the ASG lays out specifics to the contractor regarding lists of work to be done including building maintenance, heating plants, electrical stations, refrigeration units and the like based on current work performance state-

ments. The payments to BOS are based on a basic fee plus award fees which are determined at quarterly review board meetings and reflect the ASG's consensus on how well the work is being accomplished.

"Our work performance numbers are very close to DPW's at the quarterly review," said Hayes.

"We've got a fairly good partnership going and still growing between the government and the contractor," said Wooley. "Another big advantage of the TMC is that in the past the BSB DPW used to manage many small service contracts with different points of contact in the government for custodial, fire alarm maintenance, ventilation maintenance and other services. The requirements for all of these miscellaneous services were combined into one contract for the government, the TMC. BOS then subcontracts out these services and manages them for the government. It works very well for us."

Interest in the contract from other area support groups and government organizations has been high, said Lt. Col. Floyd Quintana, director of the ASG's DPW, as the contract approached its first renewal option. "Costs are going to be, on a square foot basis, basically the same," said Quintana. "The efficiencies will be in service." He said TMC could be expanded in the future, but no definite decisions have been made yet. "We're on schedule, on time, within the budget and have the customer approval that indicates we are going the right way," said Davis.

Officials pointed out that BOS has been on the web at [www.bosgmbh.com](http://www.bosgmbh.com) since April, displaying hours of operation and taking work order requests online. Telephone contact numbers are mil 343-6766 or civ (0641) 944 050 in the 284th BSB and mil 322-8971 or civ (06181) 500 6892 in the 414th BSB.



Photo by David Ruderman

BOS employee Karl-Heinz Schroeder paints an office in Hanau.



# The back page



Capt. Heather Warden answers fifth-graders' questions during bridging exercises at the Campo Pond Training Area. Right: Virginia National Guard soldiers assemble a Compact 200 bridge.



## 'Bridge students' enjoy life in the field

Engineers share know-how with Virginia National Guard soldiers, local elementary school pupils

Story and photos by Karl Weisel  
Staff Writer

"How do they eat when they're out in the field?" "What holds the bridges together?" "How do they climb up so high to work on the bridges?"

These were just a few of the many questions raised by Sportfield Elementary School pupils during a field trip to Hanau's Campo Pond Training Area recently. The youngsters from Mr. Evanson's and Ms. Brown's fifth-grade classes got a chance to see National Guard soldiers in action as they built medium girder and compact bridges under the watchful gaze of their host unit, the 38th Engineer Company.

"They're showing us tricks of the trade we didn't know before," said Spc. James Carter of the 189th National Guard Company from Bigstone Gap,

Va. "The NCOs training us have been keeping us real motivated. This bridge (the Medium Girder Bridge) is the largest we've ever done. We've learned a lot."

"The training's been real good," echoed Spc. Joseph Spivey, 189th National Guard Company. "They're great instructors."

The National Guard soldiers were in Hanau as part of their annual summer training. "We've been scheduled to come over to Germany several times in the past, but things fell through," said Capt. Steve Brewer, 189th company commander.

With the Defense Department relying ever more on Reserve and National Guard troops to complement active duty soldiers during deployments to such trouble spots as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo, current training is invaluable, according to the engineers at Campo Pond. "We got our bridge sets about a year ago ... and when they get through here they'll be fully trained," said Brewer. "The 38th Engineer Company — Capt. Warden and her troops — have provided outstanding training and support. They've been fantastic. I know excellence when I see it, and these soldiers have provided excellent training and follow-through. They've taken care of all the little things. That's made my job

easier."

"They've really done great out here," said Capt. Heather Warden, 38th Engineer Company commander, about the National Guard engineers. "They've come a long way."

"Mutually, each unit will be better off for this training," Warden added. "It gives my NCOs an opportunity to train soldiers and makes them really aware of what's required to train efficiently."

"I wouldn't mind doing this job someday," said Sportfield fifth-grader Fabian Alvarado, as he examined equipment used to put bridges together in the field. "I learned how they lift up the equipment for the bridges."

"It's fun," added classmate Saretta McDaniel. "I've learned that some trucks weigh more than 60 tons."

"We're trying to get more involved with the schools," said Warden, explaining that the 565th Engineer Battalion sent out letters to local Department of Defense Dependents Schools inviting them to come out and observe the training. "We want to support them more and hope to be involved in similar events as the school year progresses."

## News flash . . . News flash . . . News flash

### Civilian personnel open door

The deputy assistant secretary for civilian personnel policy has established an Internet-based "open door policy" for the Army-wide work force. Use it to express ideas or concerns about the civilian personnel process. Officials said it is not meant to circumvent or replace the chain-of-command or complaints hotline. To access the Electronic Customer Feedback Form point your browser

to [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) then click on Open Door Policy.

### Farewell to consul general

Frankfurt American Consul General Hugh Hamilton Jr. will leave his post this month after 30 years of service with the State Department. He moves on to a job as president of the American Council on Germany in New York City. Hamilton will be replaced by Joe Saloom, who most recently served as the U.S.

minister for Economic Affairs in Bonn.

### Legal Education Program

Active duty commissioned officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain interested in attending the Army's Funded Legal Education Program starting in the fall of 2000 should contact their Staff Judge Advocate's office — V Corps mil 370-5839 or 1st Armored Division mil 490-6412 for details. Applicants must have at least two,

but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Review Chapter 14 of AR 27-1 for eligibility. The deadline to apply for this fall's Law School Admission Test is Nov. 1. Send applications through command channels (including the officer's branch manager at PERSCOM) to Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT, 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194.